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Allies Gain Upper Hand in Bitter Crete Fighting

London, May 24.

ALL towns and aerodromes in Crete, except Maleme have been cleared of the enemy, and supplies dropped for the use of the Nazis are being collected by the British troops, it was learned in London today.

At Maleme the position is not so favourable, and the enemy continued to land troops there yesterday. They have also been able to land some artillery, probably seventy-five millimetre guns and mortars, from the air.

While the position seems to be well in hand throughout the island, except at Maleme, it cannot be said that there are not small bodies of troops in parts of the island, and these may have some nuisance value. It is not believed that these small pockets of the enemy are numerous, and mopping-up operations are continuing.

Operations at sea continue without interruption under considerable difficulties. It is pointed out that there are a large number of Greek islands within 60 or 70 miles of Crete, while the Italian Dodecanese are only 50 miles away, and it is thought improbable that the navy will be able to prevent every single enemy vessel from landing troops or supplies somewhere on the Cretan coast.

Heraklion Retaken

Up to date, as far as is known in London, the navy has completely dispersed one enemy convoy and has driven a second away. The recapture of Heraklion is of the first importance from the naval point of view, as it is one of the very few good ports for landing supplies.

The Greeks and Cretans are reported to be putting up a magnificent fight in defence of their country,—"fighting like wildcats" is one description applied to the efforts of the Cretans.

Another report from the battle area states that the Germans are dropping dummies by parachute in Crete. The reason for this is not quite clear, but it would seem that they wish to induce the British troops to waste ammunition by firing at Dummies. So far, the Germans are not reported to have landed any of the small air-borne tanks that made their appearance in Flanders.

The German High Command communique still makes no reference to the invasion of Crete.

Hand to Hand Battles

After fierce hand-to-hand fighting, Allied troops have driven the Germans out of every important point in Crete except one—Maleme—and control the entire coast of the island, according to the latest information from Crete.

Brilliant work by the Allies is still restricting German troops landings, either by parachute or troop-carrying planes.

German emplacements at Heraklion or Candia and at Retimo are stated to have been knocked out by Allied forces, and the situation at both places is now said to be satisfactory.

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R.A.F. Resumes Heavy Raids on Continent

London, May 24.

Royal Air Force bombers attacked Cologne last night, and also paid another visit to the French invasion ports, which were subjected to heavy bombing. Searchlights and the vivid flashes of bombs and shell bursts could by seen from the British side of the Channel, and showed that the Germans were putting up a stiff resistance.

Although full details of the attack on Cologne are not yet available, it is known that the raid was quite heavy, in spite of the bad weather.

Several attacks were made on enemy shipping during the daylight hours, and a large merchant vessel was bombed and set on fire off the Dutch coast. A tanker which was attacked off the west coast of France was set on fire. No British planes are missing.—Reuter.

Britain Quiet

London, May 24.

As Britain enjoyed its thirteenth raid-free night, the "News Chronicle" today swept aside authoritative theories that the lull was due to the weather and suggested that the Luftwaffe was preparing again to change its raiding tactics and perhaps resume its large-scale daylight attacks.

"During the first seven nights of this month they lost at least 133 bombers. During at least two of those nights the number of German raiders brought down represented something like ten per cent of the number in operation and a heavy loss of trained men—at least 600."—The Air and Public Security Ministries announced today that there was very slight German aerial activity over Britain last night, with a few bombs dropped. The bombs, added the official announcement, caused little damage and only a small uumber of casualities.—United Press.

Germans May Help French Colonial Army

London, May 24.

The German Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Walter von Brauchitsch, who is now in Paris, is believed to be discussing with the French War Minister, Gen. Huntziger, the question of supplying the French Army with "material means to defend the French Empire"; states the Vichy correspondent of the "Gazette de Lausanne."

A German demand for withdrawal of American and other foreign missions from Paris has finally dampened Vichy's hopes that Paris would be restored to unoccupied territory and has given rise to a rumour that Paris is about to be included again in the German military zone.—Reuter.

Greek King Said Still in Crete

New York, May 24.

The Columbia Broadcasting System here yesterday intercepted a British Broadcasting Corporation report that King George of Greece was "understood still to be on the island of Crete."—United Press.

Iraqi Regent Returns to Form Govt.

London, May 24.

The Regent of Iraq, Abdul Illah, has returned to Iraq and is now considering formation of a new Government, Reuters learned in authoritative quarters here last night.

The Regent's whereabouts are being kept a close secret, and an announcement of his new government will be made as soon as the situation in Iraq has been clarified.

So far as is known at the moment the rebel leader, Rashid Ali, is still in Iraq, but it is not expected that organized resistance to Great Britain will continue much longer.

Message of Loyalty

The Iraqi community in Bahrein have sent a telegram to the Regent of Iraq, Abdul Illah, expressing loyalty and calling on him to release Iraq from Rashid Ali and his rebels.

Rebel Attack Repulsed

R.A.F. planes made another attack yesterday on German aerodromes and stores in Iraq, and played a large part in dispersing a rebel counter-attack on Fallujah.

This news was given in last night's air communique from Cairo, which states that rebel forces attacked Fallujah but that, after heavy bombing, "our original positions were reoccupied."

A number of lorries and tanks are said to have been captured.

A petrol dump about 12 miles north of Baghdad was bombed and machine-gunned, and four large fires were started. The British planes left a column of smoke more than a mile high.

A military communique reveals that 20 rebel officers and 90 men were captured, in addition to tanks and lorries, in the fighting at Fallujah.—Reuter.

U.S. Firm To Sell Holdings In Germany

London, May 24.

Mr. H. Behn, President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, a United States concern, is now in Switzerland, it is reported, to dispose of the corporation's holdings in Germany and occupied Europe.

The corporation is a holding, service and management concern having no fewer than 32 subsidiaries in Germany and other countries, of which 16 are in Germany, three in France and two in Belgium. M. Behn sold two Rumanian subsidiaries just before the German Army marched in.

So far as is understood no German company has been disposed of. Some Americans however have sold back to Germany holdings in German firms.

These transactions are involved and complicated by various kinds of German marks. Often they are effected through Sweden and Switzerland. Another plan adopted by United States companies is to change nominal ownership of German subsidiaries, copying German tactics with United States subsidiaries.—Reuter.

Roosevelt To Report On Lend-Lease Operations

Washington, May 24.

President Roosevelt, during his press conference yesterday, said he would send to Congress about June 10 or 11 a report regarding lend-lease operations.

The value of materials despatched to aid the Democracies would be enumerated but the nature of the materials would not be revealed, President Roosevelt said.

The President carefully avoided any remarks applicable to the international situation. He gave only noncommittal answers to questions regarding the possibility of altering the neutrality law.—United Press.

British Submarines Sink Two Enemy Vessels

London, May 24.

British submarines have sunk a troopship and a tanker and probably also a destroyer on the line of the enemy's communications to Libya.

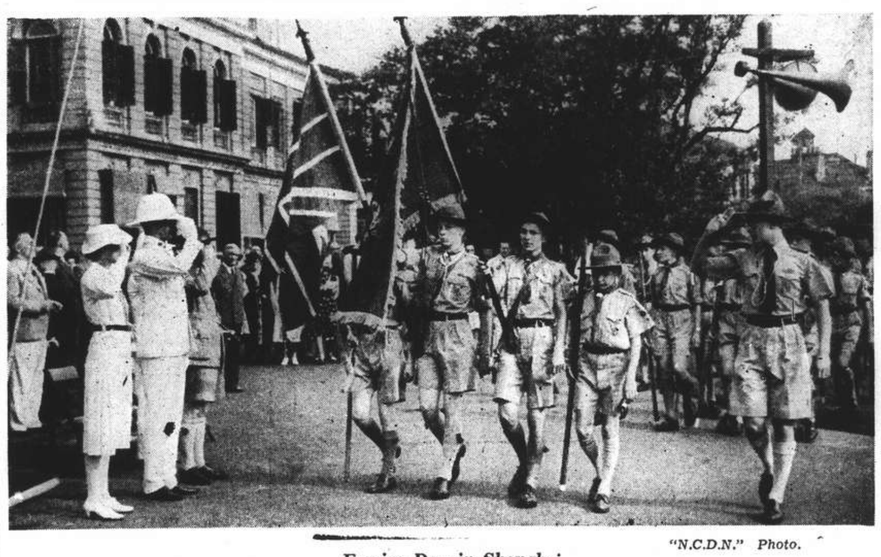
Announcing these achievements, an Admiralty communique says: Further successes have been reported by our submarines operating against the enemy's sea communications to Libya. A troopship of 9,000 tons and a tanker of about 7,000 tons have been sunk. An Italian destroyer has been hit by a torpedo and it is considered probable that she has sunk. A large schooner of a type used by the enemy for carrying ammunition has been sunk, and a somewhat smaller schooner has been shelled while at anchor and hit several times."—Reuter

Land Urges All Effort To End Strike

Washington, May 24.

Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, yesterday asked the use of all government resources, including U.S. armed forces, to end the strike of machinists which is tying up shipyards in San Francisco.

Admiral Land called the affair a flagrant outlaw strike and said "there is no limit, in my belief, to what should be done to end the strike."—United Press.



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Empire Day in Shanghai

Although the observances were not on the same scale as those seen in previous years owing to the war, Shanghai Britons, nevertheless, celebrated Empire Day yesterday with all the fervour of former and happier pre-war observances. The picture shows Mr. A. H. George, H. M. Consul-General, taking the salute as Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Wolf Cubs and Brownies marched past following a Flag-Raising ceremony held in the grounds of the British Consulate yesterday morning. This was the first of the day's observances and it was followed by others at various British clubs and other British institutions. On the river ships flew the White Ensign in honour of Britain and there were special radio programmes over local stations to commemorate the occasion.

Knox Reiterates Warnings That U.S. Must be Ready

Washington, May 24.

COLONEL Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, yesterday declared that the United States must be prepared to make sacrifices "that match any sacrifices made by any generation of Americans that has gone before us."

Simultaneously Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House of Representative Foreign Relations Committee, said that his committee was prepared to open immediate hearings concerning revision of the neutrality act "if the Administration shows me a clear need for legal revisions."

Mr. Bloom said he planned an early conference on the matter with Col. Knox, Colonel Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War and Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State.

Col. Knox, in a speech, declared that "it is not going to be easy to defeat this thing that is abroad in the world today.....It is important for us to recapture the principles for which we fought twice—Freedom".

Meanwhile, other leaders urged declaration of a full emergency by the President, and the Senate and the War Department, took furthers steps to put America on an emergency basis, civily, militarily and industrially.

Senator Josh Lee, Democrat of Oklahoma, urged the Administration to declare a full state of war emergency, because, he said, isolationists have "shot the deadly cocaine of appeasement into the muscles of national defence".

Should Rename Group

Senator Lee declared that General Robert Woods of the "America First Committee", an isolationist group, should relable his organization and call it the "Committee to Aid Hitler."

The Senate unanimously approved and sent to the White House a bill empowering the government to impose drastic priorities on virtually the entire realm of American industry. The bill would enable the President to delay production for civil purposes whenever it was necessary, in behalf of the Army and Navy.

The Senate also unanimously approved legislation empowering the Commodity Credit Corporation to acquire title to all cotton on which the government loaned money on 1940 and previous crops, and to withhold it from commercial channels until the end of the war.

The War Department requested civilians to donate 200,000 half pint units of blood in order to establish a reserve for transfusions "to meet military emergencies and also to succour the wounded in case of civilian catastrophes". The American Red Cross was authorized to handle volunteer donors.

Halifax Present

Col. Knox addressed a luncheon of the Society of Naval Architects, at which Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to Washington, also was guest.

Turning to Lord Halifax, Col. Knox declared, "God help us and forgive us if we do not do our share in the fight against human slavery.—United Press.

Japanese Killed In Nantao

Yet another Japanese was shot by a Chinese terrorist, this time a gendarme in Nantao at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday. Taken to a Japanese military hospital in Nantao, the victim was pronounced dead. All the gates, leading to the French Concession were immediately closed by the authorities and strict searches, conducted by the Japanese near the scene of crime, were said to have resulted in the arrest of several Chinese. They were taken to gendarmerie headquarters for questioning.

According to meagre information available, the gendarme was on duty on Boulevard des Deux Republiques when he was shot by an unidentified gunman or gunmen. The victim, said to be Private Kadashima Kikuchi, slumped to the ground, while the assassin, taking advantage of the commotion created, took to flight and disappeared.

All traffic in the area was immediately suspended and all the gates were closed by the Japanese authorities, who made house to house searches in the vicinity of the scene of crime. The Chinese suspects, the exact number of whom could not be ascertained yesterday, were rounded up and taken to Japanese headquarters.

It was believed that about five shots were fired at the victim, but it was not known how many took effect. The assassination brought the number of Japanese victims of Chinese terrorists to well above twenty since last September.

New Under-Secretary of War Named in Rome

Rome, May 24.

Gen. Alfredo Guzzoni has ceased to function as Under-Secretary of war, and sub-chief of the Army General Staff, it was announced officially yesterday. Gen. Antonio Sugero succeeded to the Under-Secretaryship of War, while the position of sub-chief of the Army General Staff has been eliminated, it was announced.—United Press.

Tomahawk Fighters Reach Palestine

London, May 24.

Tomahawk fighters and Glen Martin bombers are arriving in Palestine in ever increasing numbers from the United States, says a correspondent with the R.A.F. in Palestine. Many of them are flown by pilots trained under the Empire scheme.—Reuter.

Attempt to Murder Italian King

Rome, May 24.

An attempt was made to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel of Italy on May 17, the Government officially announced today.

A young Greek fired a revolver at the King of Italy and the Prime Minister of Albania, but missed them, said the official communique.—United Press.

Japanese Envoy in London Recalled to Tokyo "To Report"

London, May 24.

Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador to London, yesterday was ordered to fly to Tokyo for consultation with his government.

Mr. Shigemitsu wished to see Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, during the latter's European visit, but Mr. Masuoka's hurried return to Tokyo prevented them meeting.

Mr. Shigemitsu was likely to return to Japan via the United States, it was understood here.

The Japanese Ambassador called on Mr. Richard A. Butler, Foreign Under-Secretary, informed him of his impending departure and assured Mr. Butler that it did not signify any impairment of Anglo-Japanese relations and that it was not a forerunner of any breach.—United Press.

To Report to Tokyo

Tokyo, May 24.

The projected return of Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador in London, was apparently only to report to Tokyo, declared the official spokesman today in reply to questions regarding the recall of the Ambassador.

He pointed out that the Ambassador wished to meet Mr. Matsuoka during the latter's visit to Europe, but was prevented by "unfavourable British opinion." Mr. Shigemitsu, he added, had been in London continuously for more than three years.—Reuter.

Council to Borrow $9,000,000 this Week

Under authority granted by the Ratepayers at the annual meeting held on April 17, the Municipal Council will issue debentures valued at C.N.$9,000,000, at 99½, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum payable semi-annually. The whole of the debentures are to redeemed by semi-annual drawings by December 31, 1951.

Of the issue $2,500,000 has been reserved for funding outstanding loans and for the Council's trust funds; the remainder will be offered to public subscription on Wednesday, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. Debentures to the nominal value of $6,500,000 have been jointly underwritten by the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. and Messrs. Benjamin & Potts.

To secure repayment of principal and interest, the Council will open an account with the H. & S. Bank, in which proceeds from licence fees and the entertainment tax on cinemas and theatres will be deposited, as well as any part of the royalties which form the security for the loan of 1940, which is not required for its servicing. The loan of 1941 will be further secured by a floating charge on the general assets and revenues of the Municipality.

French Seizures Denied

Vichy, May 24.

A Government spokesman yesterday denied an Italian report that French authorities had seized two American merchant ships at Marseilles, in retaliation for anti-French measures in the United States.—United Press.

Germany May Give Up Norwegian Civil Rule

Oslo, May 24.

Possibilities that the German-dominated Norwegian Government headed by Herr Vidkun Quisling may be given extended power and the German civil administration in Norway cancelled were seen here yesterday.

Herr Quisling, after a conference with Herr Heinrich Himmler, chief of the German Gestapo (secret police) on Thursday left Norway for Germany where it was believed he would hold important conferences with Chancellor Adolf Hitler. The scheduled conference was the basis for reports of increased Norwegian participation in the civil government.—United Press.

Well-Known Syrian Commander Joins De Gaulle Forces in Palestine

Cairo, May 24.

Colonel Collet, one of the most brilliant French commanders in Syria and creator of the well-known Circassian legion, has crossed into Transjordan from Syria en route to Palestine, accompanied by a number of other Frenchmen, it was confirmed here last night.

Colonel Collet has issued a proclamation announcing his intention to join the Free French, and denouncing the Vichy policy of supplying arms to Iraq.—Reuter.

Vichy Admission

London, May 24.

Admission that Colonel Collet has crossed into Transjordania from Syria is contained in an official Vichy news agency despatch from Beirut. Denying reports that Free French forces have arrived in Syria, the despatch says these reports were a cloak to hide preparations for a "concrete move which was attempted during Wednesday and Thursday night.

"Under the pretext of exercises, Lt.-Colonel Collet, commander of tribal levies, made his troops carry out a movement designed to draw them across the frontier to join British forces from Transjordania. When they observed that they were crossing the frontier, the majority of the effectives refused to desert and returned to Syrian territory. One squadron which followed Lt.-Colonel Collet was surrounded by troops guarding the frontier and the commanding officer made prisoner. Two French officers who tried to prevent isolated men from crossing the frontier were killed. Ninety-five per cent. of the tribal levies were back at their posts today (Friday)."—Reuter.

All-Round Progress in Africa Continues

London, May 24.

REPORTS reaching London from the Sollum area state that there has been slight activity in the desert south of Sollum. Enemy armoured cars approached a post at Shegga on the Egyptian side of the frontier opposite Fort Maddalena, but withdrew when Imperial troops opened fire.

In Abyssinia, the Imperial forces advancing from the north in the direction of Galle, have now occupied a post some fifteen miles nearer to that point.

The main fighting in Abyssinia is now in the lake district. Generally speaking, the areas south and south-east of the lakes have been cleared of the enemy, and Empire troops are now getting in between the lakes into the country still occupied by the enemy.

In an attack on Hula on May 20, over 90 Italians and 1,300 Africans, as well as a brigade commander were captured.

In Somaliland, a patrol captured 90 enemy troops at Tohem, near lake Guardafui. It is understood that there is no organized enemy resistance in Somaliland, although there may be small pockets of the enemy to be cleared up.

British Advance

British forces are now moving against the last concentrations of Italian troops around Jimma, it is announced.

Meanwhile, the Battle of the Lakes in the region west of Jimma and south-west of Addis Ababa is said to be developing satisfactorily. The Battle of the Lakes has already yielded a further 800 prisoners, captured by the British when they repulsed an enemy counter-attack after fierce fighting.

Benghazi Bombed

Fighter aircraft of the South African Air Force yesterday destroyed two enemy dive-bombers that were attempting to attack British shipping in the Mediterranean, according to a communique from the R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

In Libya, it adds, the R.A.F. have made several successful attacks on Benghazi harbour, and have destroyed a German fighter in the Capuzzo area.

In Abyssinia, aircraft of the South African Air Force are claimed to have made dive-bombing attacks on a motor transport concentration in Aspadu, north of the Jimma area, and destroyed seven vehicles.—Reuter.

Amba Alagi Battle

By Reuter's Special Correspondent

Amba Alagi, (Abyssinia), May 24.

The British officer commanding the forces which attacked Amba Alagi, in a special order of the day, outlines the fortnight's operations which are a "triumph of manoeuvre and individual gallantry in face of stiff opposition in precipitous mountain country."

The order proceeds:—"In the early days of the battle, Indian troops having destroyed strong widely-flung enemy outposts, succeeded in reaching the enemy fortress defences on the north west and south-west. On the east, too, our forces were gradually closing in.

"At this stage, South Africans arrived from the south and, despite inclement weather, stormed their way up the precipitous heights and finally closed the net round the enemy.

"The stage was now set for the final assault against the enemy's formidable inner defences, but the enemy, appreciating that his position was now untenable, decided to capitulate.

"It has been essentially a soldiers' and gunners' battle. The victory is mainly attributable to the physique skill and endurance of the individual soldier and the damaging and demoralizing effect on the enemy of our heavy and accurate artillery concentrations."

Surrender Described

The surrender of the Italian garrison in the mountain fortress of Amba Alagi is described in a message from a Special Correspondent with the British forces.

The garrison came out in an almost endless stream. 4,500 troops moved down the mountain in a huge zig-zag against the green mountain. They marched past the British commander and his staff with their hands raised in the Italian Royalist salute. There were no Fascist police to be seen.—Reuter.

Warning To Vichy Given By London Newspapers

London, May 24.

Unless Vichy changes its policy, the practical reply of abolishing distinction between occupied and unoccupied territory is inevitable and must be swift, asserts the "Daily Telegraph."

"The Daily Mail" states that whatever happens, the sufferers will be the "little people of France." Emphasizing that the emotions of Great Britain tend towards pity rather than bitterness, the paper continues

"These facts even now we must by every means in our power be made clear to France. No effort we and the United States can make is too great, no resource too little, which might yet prevent the greatest tragedy this war could bring—open hostilities between Great Britain and France.

"But if it be otherwise let the French people remember that the hand that released the bombs was the hand of Admiral Darlan."—Reuter.

Belgium's Bread Supply Assured Until 1942

Vichy, May 24.

Belgium's bread supply has been assured until May 1, 1942 by the recent Belgian-Russian economic agreement, the Brussel correspondent of the "Petit Parisien," said in a despatch yesterday.

Authorities in Belgium were said to be immensely increasing the daily bread ration which was 225 grams, but before doing so had been awaiting assurances the agreement would be renewed for the second half of next year.—United Press.

Australian Losses in Greece Announced

Melbourne, May 24.

Australian casualties in Greece totalled 3,983 men, reported General Sir Thomas Blamey, deputy Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, yesterday. Of this figure, he said, 3,560 killed, missing, prisoners and wounded were left behind in Greece after the evacuation of the Imperial forces had been completed. Seven medical officers and 150 other ranks stayed behind to take care of the wounded, knowing that they had no chance of being saved.—Reuter.

Capt. Roosevelt in Palestine

London, May 24.

Capt. James Roosevelt, U.S.M.C., the eldest son of the United States President, who is stationed at Cairo as an air observer, visited a British aerodrome in Palestine a few days ago and made reports on the performance of American 'planes, states a correspondent of the Royal Air Force in Palestine.—Reuter.

Mr. Menzies Back In Australia

Sydney, May 24.

The Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, today returned here from the United States and Canada, where he discussed defence measures and American cooperation with Australia in aiding Britain's war efforts.—United Press.

German Attempt At Sea-Borne Invasion Of Crete Smashed

By Reuters Special Correspondent with British Mediterranean Fleet

Alexandria, May 24.

"WE sank them with four-inch guns and pompoms. Cruisers and destroyers bombarded them. The sea was full of thousands of Germans clinging to wreckage and shouting for help. The havoc we wrought was so great that no German managed to land in Crete that night."

Thus spoke the captain of a cruiser to me in describing how the British Navy broke up the first German attempt at seaborne invasion.

A large convoy comprising sailing boats and small merchantmen, escorted by an Italian destroyer, was completely broken up or sunk by British light forces during the pitch dark night of May 21-22.

At least 40 sailing caiques, each carrying about 100 men, and some small merchantsmen, each carrying several hundred troops and stores, are believed to have been sent to the bottom or dispersed that night alone.

Various units of the Fleet were patrolling off Crete ready for any emergency when events occurred, which are best described in the captain's own words

Opened Fire

"We were steaming eastwards when suddenly about 11 p.m. our destroyer screen opened fire on a darkened ship. We altered course and entered the fray. The destroyers' fire was very effective, and a great bonfire appeared on the ocean, apparently caused by a merchantman burning from end to end.

The first ship sighted was an Italian destroyer at very close range, but her identity was at first doubted owing to the similarity of her funnels with ours. But a searchlight picked out her flag, and it was Italian. We opened fire with prompoms, whereupon the Italians was seen to launch five torpedoes.

"While we were avoiding these, another cruiser was able to get a clear sight and gave a full six-inch broadside, all of which registered hits. A violent explosion occurred, and the destroyer's end was inevitable. Throughout she never fired her guns.

"The Admiral then led the squadron through what he believed was the middle of the convoy, which proved to consist mainly of sailing caiques. Large numbers of these were sunk and, in addition to a steamer already sunk by destroyers, we sank a small steamer with our main armaments, leaving her burning and heavily down on the waterline.

"We passed large numbers of Germans in the water clinging to wreckage and shouting for help, but the possibility of enemy U-boats being in the vicinity did not permit our rescuing survivors."

Heavy Losses

Questioned regarding the strength of the convoy, the captain stated that owing to the pitch darkness, it was impossible to estimate accurately, though he thought there were at least 40 caiques carrying about 100 men each, while small merchantmen would carry several hundreds and stores.

The action lasted about three hours, so that German casualties must have been very heavy. In addition to smashing up the seaborne attack, the same forces shot down three Junkers 87 dive-bombers during the two days prior to the action.

They finally returned safely to their base despite incessant dive-bombing attacks. Bombers began at dawn in group of half a dozen to a dozen strong and effected about 30 attacks.—Reuter

Darlan's Address Designed To Clarify Vichy-Nazi Talks

Vichy, May 24.

THE important, although brief, speech yesterday of Admiral Francois Darlan, Vice-Premier, in which he reassured listeners there is absolutely no question of France going back on its given word not to take up the sword against its allies of yesterday, had a calming effect on the French in general.

The speech was accepted as it was given namely, as clarification of the atmosphere in which present Franco-German negotiations were proceeding. It cleared away a host of rumours which have circulated in the past few days that negotiations had broken off due to intransigence and impossible German demands.

The hush-hush methods under which the negotiations were carried on did not make for calming the public mind, which, as Marshal Phillippe Petain recently affirmed, was "anxious because it often was ill informed."

Admiral Darlan's assurances that Chancellor Adolf Hitler had not demanded delivery of the French Fleet, a declaration of war against Britain or cession of colonial territories, evidently was made with the double intention of calming not only domestic but also international opinion. The last intention was clear, particularly in the light of the stiffening American attitude toward France. The French press in both the occupied and unoccupied zones has been bitterly attacking the American stand.

When the announcement of Admiral Darlan's speech was made it was generally expected that the Vice-Premier would stress three burning questions: return of 100,000 war prisoners to which Chancellor Hitler agreed during the recent Darlan-Hitler conversation, the campaign against De Gaullists in Africa, and Syria, where French airfields frequently have been bombed by the British.

As far as the first question is concerned, Admiral Darlan evidently judged that the war veteran and "Prisoners' Ambassador" M. Georges Scapini, who, it was announced, will issue a press declaration concerning the manner in which 100,000 men will be released, would take care of that question.

M. Scapini yesterday was in Berlin discussing the question with German authorities.

In the meantime, technical aspects of the negotiations continued in Paris under guidance of Admiral Darlan's chief negotiator M. Benoist-Menchin.—United Press.

65th Spring Flower Show Draws Many Exhibitors

AT the 65th Spring Flower Show of the Shanghai Horticultural Society which opened yesterday, the exhibitors were fifty per cent. over the number anticipated. As if to prepare visitors for the colourful display, the entrance was lined with small firs, pyrethrum and marguerites.

The Sir Peter Grain Perpetual Challenge Trophy was won by Mrs. G. E. Mitchell with a high pyramid of specimen plants topped by bougainvillea. Miss Basto Silva won second prize with a similiar pyramid which was one cluster of colours, and the third prize was won by Sir Victor Sassoon. The Special Award, the Horace Kadoorie Cup, was awarded to Mr. S. C. Chow for his collection of dwarf trees.

One of the most original exhibits was the decorated banquet table by Mrs. Frederick Reiss a fishing table which won the first prize in class 25. With a net for a table cloth, mother o' pearl shells as plates, a pond as table centre with a china kingfisher, water lilies, iris and scirpus, and a number of embroidered fish and imitation sea shells and anenomes, a strong nautical atmosphere and a most pleasing effect was obtained.

The second prize in the same class was won by Mrs. T. B. Dunn with a Milliners Convention Banquet. This showed a fascinating blending of flowers, veils, feathers and hats, and hats as flower holders, the main colour scheme was in chartreuse green and mauve. The judges had a difficult task in choosing the prizes for the decorated banquet, dinner and tea tables, each one was so attractively arranged.

S.M.C. Exhibit

One of the most outstanding exhibits was the picture of a mountain range which nearly touched the ceiling by the S.M.C. Dainty blue lobelia and maiden-head ferns swept up through yellow, mauve, white and red blooms to the mauve-tinged snow-kissed peaks.

The cut flower section which was arranged by the ladies committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, seemed to be even more worthy of praise than that of the previous show. In the Junior Competitions there were fewer entrants than usual. The first prize for those under eight was won by one of the youngest exhibitors, Adrian King aged 5½, with flowers of various colours and size artistically arranged in a small bowl. The first prize for those between 8 and 15 was won by Halesa Kerr with a most original arrangement, an inch high bowl with a red cabbage on one side and a few canterbury bells on the other, both on aralia leaves.

In the vegetable section there were far more exhibits than in the previous show. An old-timer at the Flower Shows was the stag's horn fern which grows suspended from a tripod. Among the pot plants were fine examples of ivy leaf geraniums, and star jasmine on frames, built up pyramids of various flowers massed together and a large selection of ferns.

Among the trade exhibits there was a Japanese miniature garden which was complete in every detail, flower arrangements by "Bleuet" and "Roma", florists, and illustrated talks on flower arrangements held by the Watson Mineral Water Company. These talks were made possible by the Cococola company of America.

The success of the first day of the Flower Show was due, in no small way, to the efforts of Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, who is chairman of the ladies committee, Messrs. H. W. Carter, A. F. Gimson, Horace Kadoorie and W. J. Kerr of the working committee. Mr. W. J. Kerr has also the added duties of honorary secretary and director of the Horticultura. Society.

Judges

The judges were Decorated Banquet, Dinner and Tea tables; Mrs. L. H. Lamb, Mrs. H. E. Arnhold, Mrs. T. C. L. Williams, Mrs. T. O. Schmid, Mr. A. H. George and Mr. C. S. Franklin.

Pot plant and fern classes; Mrs. C. S. Franklin, Mrs. Frederick Reiss, Mr. H. Kadoorie, Mr. A. F. Gimson, Mr. P. S. Hopkins, Mr. H. C. B. Way and Mr. A. de C. Sowerby.

Cut Flower classes: Miss Craddock, Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, Mrs. A. de C. Sowerby, Miss Roberta Fryer, Mrs. C. C. King, Mrs. Crackan and Mrs. Crawford.

Junior Competitions. Mrs. W. J. Gande, and Mrs. Bourne.

Vegetable Section: Mrs. G. B. Fryer, Mr. T. Kakuda and Mr. W. H. Carter.

List of Awards

Group of Specimen Plants, The Sir Peter Grain Perpetual Challenge Trophy, Mrs. G. E. Mitchell, 2nd Miss B. Silva, 3rd Sir Victor Sassoon.

Trade Exhibits—Certificate of Merit to Herbert Frank for a Miniature Garden —Certificate of Merit to "Bleuet" Florists for flower arrangements—Certificate of Merit to T. C. Kung for a collection of Dwarf trees.

Special Adward—Horace Kadoorie Cup to S. C. Chow for a collection of Dwarf trees.

Sweet Peas—6 Vases, 1st Mr. W. J. Hawkings, 2nd Sir Victor Sassoon.

Roses—12 Blooms, 1st Mrs. J. R. Main, 2nd Miss C. B. Yowkey.

Decorated Dinner Table

Appointments permitted, 1st Mrs. S. N. Payne, 2nd Miss Peggy Dunn; 3rd Mrs. W. C. Cassels H.M. Mrs. MacKay, H.M. Mrs. K. M. Bourne.

Appointments not permitted, 1st Mrs. S. K. Squires, 2nd Mrs. Ivan MacKay, 3rd Mrs. Fraser, H.M. Mrs. C. C. King.

Decorated Banquet Table, 1st Mrs. Frederick Reiss, 2nd Mrs. T. B. Dunn, 3rd Mrs. Hopkins.

Decorated Tea Table, 1st Mrs. David McLorn, 2nd Mrs. Elster, 3rd Mrs. Hopkins, M.M. Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, H.M. Miss R. Fryer.

Inter-School Competition, 1st Cathedral School, 2nd Peter Pan School, 3rd Public School for Girls.

Cut Flower Section

Sweet Peas—4 vases, 1st Mrs. C. A. Momber, 2nd Mrs. W. J. Hawkings.

Basket of Cut Roses, 1st Mrs. J. R. Main, H.M. Mrs. J. R. Main.

Stocks, 1st Mr. H. M. Little, 2nd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Hard Annuals or Perennials 6 vases, 1st Mrs. R. Davies, 2nd Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, 3rd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, H.M. Miss Christine England.

Hard Annuals or Perennials 4 vases, 1st Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, 2nd Mrs. H. M. Little.

Basket of cut Flowers, 1st Sir Victor Sassoon, 2nd Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, 3rd Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, H.M. Sir Victor Sassoon.

Bowls of cut Flowers, 1st Mrs. W. C. Cassels, 2nd Mrs. R. G. MacDonald, 3rd Mrs. H. L. Bridger, H.M. Mrs. W. J. Hawkings.

Vase of cut Flowers, 1st Mrs. T. B. Dunn, 2nd Mrs. W. C. Cassels, 3rd Mrs D. W. Edwards, H.M. Mrs. R. Davies.

Japanese Iris, H.M. Mr. W. J. Hawkings.

Basket of Cut Flowers, 1st Mrs. Ovadia, 2nd Mrs. H. M. Little.

Bowl of Cut Flowers, 1st Columbia Country Club, 1st Mrs. A. Shamray-Gramolina, 2nd Mrs. J. R. Main, 3rd Columbia Country Club, H.M. Mrs. A. Shamray-Gramolina.

Vase of Cut Flowers, 1st Mrs. Charles Reyden.

Junior Competitions—under 8 years of age, Vase; 1st Miss Adrian King, 2nd Miss Bidwell, H.M. Gwen Chu, H M. Do Ecu Chu.

Vase (Over 8 & under 15 years of age) 1st Miss Renate Kerr, 2nd Miss Pegg Main, 3rd Miss Shelagh Case, H.M. Miss Mary Soe, H.M. Miss Rosenary Green, H.M. Miss Eleanor Chavon.

Bowl, 1st Miss Halesia Kerr, 2nd Miss Watehelia Heyking, 3rd Heather Fraser, H.M. Miss Ann March, H. M. Renate Kerr, H.M. Miss Dorothy Vidumsky, H.M. Halesia Kerr.

Plants in Pots

Group of 6 Flowering Plants, 1st Mrs. G. E. Mitchell.

Lavatera, 1st Mrs. D. J. C. Steward.

Jasmine, 1st Mrs. C. England, H.M. Mrs. C. England.

Geraniums, Salmon, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Geraniums, any colour, 1st Mr. E. S. Wilkinson, 2nd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Sadge, 1st Lady Maze.

Lobelia, 1st Sir Victor Sassoon.

Lobelia, White, 1st Miss B. Silva.

Red Arum, H.M. Sir Victor Sassoon.

Agave, 1st Sir Victor Sassoon.

Asplenium, 1st Mr. H. C. B. Way.

Cactus, 3rd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Begonia, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Nephrolepis, 1st Columbia Country Club, 2nd Lady Maze, H.M. Columbia Country Club.

Kentia, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Asplenium nidus, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim, H.M. Mrs. E. Hayim.

Catmint, 1st Lady Maze, H.M. Lady Maze.

Pteris, 1st Lady Maze, 1st Lady Maze, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 2nd Mrs. E. Hayim, H.M. Lady Maze.

Adiantum Capillus, 1st Lady Maze 1st Lady Maze, 2nd Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Adiantum Pacottii, 1st Mr. H. C. B. Way.

Adiantum macrophyllum, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Adiantum Farleyense, 1st Miss B. Silva.

Nephrolepis Todeoides, 1st Miss B. Silva.

Selaginella Krausiana, 1st Lady Maze, 2nd Miss C. England.

Adiantum gracillimum, 1st Mr. E. S. Wilkinson, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 1st Lady Maze, 2nd Mr. H. C. B. Way.

Adiantum Cunestum, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 2nd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Draceana 1st Mts. E. Havim.

Kentia, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Geraniums, Scented, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Hanging foliage plant, 2nd Mrs. E. Hayim.

Tradescantia, 1st Miss C. England, 2nd Mrs. E. Hayim.

Platycerium alcicorne, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Agave, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Fuchsia, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim, H.M. Mrs. E. Hayim.

Asparagus Sprengeri, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Hollyhock, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Euphorbia, 1st Miss B. Silva.

Aloe, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim, 1st Mrs. T. S. Powell.

Larkspur, 1st Mrs. D. J. C. Steward.

Bougainvilea, 3rd Mrs. T. S. Powell.

Nasturtium, Mrs. D. J. C. Steward.

Bougainvilla, 1st Mr. G. E. Mitchell.

Petunia 1st Mrs. E. Hayim, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 2nd Sir Victor Sassoon, H.M. Mrs. E. Hayim, H.M. Mrs. E. Hayim.

Amaryllis, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Certium, 1st Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Fuchsia, Single, red and Purple, 1st Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Fuchsia, Red and White, 1st Mr. H. C. B. Way.

Foxglove, 1st Columbia Country Club, 2nd Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Geraniums, double, red, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim, 2nd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Geraniums, any other colour, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Geraniums, pink, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Begonia hardy, 1st Mr. E. S. Wilkinson, 2nd Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Cineraria, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Pelargoniums, pink, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Begonia Dark Shades, 1st Lady Maze.

Lobelia, Blue, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim, 2nd Mrs. D. J. C. Steward, 3rd Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Swan River Daisy, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean.

Lupins, 2nd Mrs. A. V. T Dean.

Chrysanthemum Annual, 1st Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Chrysanthemum Annual, other kind, 1st Miss Basto Silva, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Larkspur, 1st Columbia Country Club.

Marguerite, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 2nd Mr. G. E. Mitchell, 3rd Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Geraniums, Scented, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim.

Phlox Drummondii, 1st Mrs. T. S. Powell, 1st Mrs. T. S. Powell.

Viscaria, 1st Lady Maze.

Arctotis, 1st Mrs. T. S. Powell.

Verbena, 1st Mrs. T. S. Powell.

Salvia farinacea, 2nd Mr. H. C. B. Way.

Nasturtiums, 1st Mr. G. E. Mitchell.

Nasturtium, dark variety, 1st Mrs. T. S. Powell.

Begonia Coccinea, 1st Mrs. E. Hayim 2nd Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Candytuft, 1st Columbia Country Club.

Abutilon, 1st Columbia Country Club, 1st Mrs. D. J. C. Steward.

Primula, 1st Miss Basto Silva.

Sweet William, 1st Mrs. D. J. C. Steward.

Dianthus, 1st Mrs. D. J. C. Steward.

Dahlias, 1st Sir Victor Sassoon.

Pentstemon, 1st Miss Basto Silva.

Statice, 1st Lady Maze.

Geum, 1st Lady Maze.

Vegetables

Collection of Vegetables, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 2nd Sir Victor Sassoon, 3rd Mrs. C. A. Momber, H.M. Miss R. A. Fryer.

Asparague, ten heads, 1st Dr. J. H. Jordan, 2nd Mrs. R. Davies.

Artichoke globe, four, 1st Mrs. D. J. C Steward, 2nd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 3rd Mrs. J. R. Main.

Artichoke, Jerusalem, ten, 1st Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, 2nd Miss R. A. Fryer.

Beet, six, 1st Lady Maze 2nd Miss R. A. Fryer, 3rd Mr. G. E. Mitchell.

Beans, French, thirty pods, 1st Lady Maze.

Beans, Broad, thirty pods, 1st Miss R. A. Fryer, 2nd Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, 3rd Dr. J. H. Jordan.

Cabbages, medium, two, 1st Miss R. A. Fryer, 2nd Mrs. W. R. McBain.

Cabbages large, two, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 2nd Mr. H. L. Bridger.

Cabbages, small, two, 1st Mrs. V. Sherman 2nd Mr. K. E. Newman, 3rd Lady Maze.

Carrot, six, 1st Mrs. A. V. T Dean 2nd Lady Maze, 3rd Sir Victor Sassoon.

Cauliflower, two, 1st Miss R. A. Fryer.

Herbs, collection of, 1st Mr. K. E. Newman.

Horseradish, 3 roots, 1st Lady Maze, 2nd Mrs. W. J. Hawkings.

Kohl Rabi, two, 1st Mr. G. E. Mitchell, 2nd Sir Victor Sassoon, 3rd Mrs. C. A. Momber.

Leeks, four, 1st Mrs. C. A. Momber, 2nd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 3rd Sir Victor Sassoon.

Lettuce, Cos, four, 1st Mrs. W. J. Hawkings.

Lettuce, Cabbage, four, 1st Mr. G. E. Mitchell, 2nd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 3rd Mrs. W. J. Hawkings.

Onion, six (white), 1st Mr. H. L. Bridger, 2nd Mrs. T. S. Powell, 3rd Mrs. K. E Newman.

Onion, six (red), 1st Miss R. A. Fryer, 2nd Dr. J. H. Jordan, 3rd Mrs. W. R. McBain.

Marjoram, Bunch, 1st Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 2nd Mr. G. E. Mitchell.

Peas, thirty pods, 1st Mrs. Ellis Hayim, 2nd Mr. K. E. Newman, 3rd Mrs. W. J. Hawkings.

Parsley, 20 sprays, 1st Dr. J. H. Jordan; 2nd Mrs. A. V. T. Dean, 3rd Mrs. C. A. Momber.

Potato, twelve (red), 1st Mr. R. Davies, 2nd Sir Victor Sassoon.

Potato, twelve (white), 1st Mrs. W. J. Hawkings, 2nd Sir Victor Sassoon, 3rd Miss R. A. Fryer.

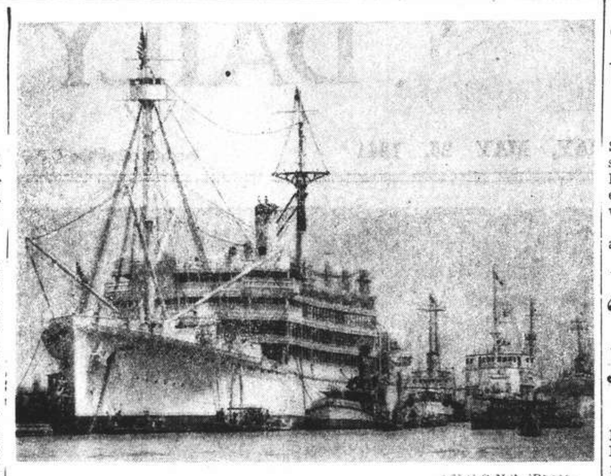
Parship, six, 1st Lady Maze.

Radish, twelve, 1st Dr. J. H. Jordan, 2nd Mr. K. E. Newman, 3rd Sir Victor Sassoon.

Rhubarb, 6 stems, 1st Miss R. A. Fryer, 2nd Lady Maze.

Sage, 1st Mr. G. E Mitchell, 2nd Mrs. Ellis Hayim, 3rd Mr. K. E. Newman.

Spinach, 20 leaves, 1st Mr. H. L. Bridger, 2nd Miss Basto Silva, 3rd Mrs. Ellis Hayim.



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U.S.S. Henderson Arrives in Port.

The U.S.S. Henderson arrived from North China yesterday at 12 noon and tied up to the naval buoys off the French Bund. The transport will take about 270 Marines back to United States, in addition to the Marine band of the American Embassy in Peiping and sailors of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, who have completed their tour of duty in the China waters. The Henderson is expected to leave Shanghai today.

Neutrality Act May Be Repeated

Washington, May 24.

The House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee was prepared to open immediate hearings for a revision of the Neutrality Act "if members of the Administration show me there is a clear need for repeal of all or part of the legislation," declared Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the Committee, last evening.—Reuter.

★Allies Gain Upper Hand

(Continued from page 1)

At Maleme, a few miles west of Suda Bay, the Germans have occupied a piece of ground about the aerodrome to enable aircraft to land, and the aerodrome is under fire and has been ceaselessly attacked. Serious fighting is still going on.

Elsewhere on the island air-borne troops are still being landed by the Germans, but they have met with no success. Australian, New Zealand, British and Greek forces, striking with great fury and determination, have closed in upon every fresh batch of Germans and have either destroyed them or taken them prisoner.

Allied anti-aircraft gunners are also putting up an exceedingly good fight, and last night's air communique says that at least 16 German troop-carriers have been brought down since the invasion began.

Many other heavy troop-carriers have been destroyed on landing, and a great number of parachutists have been killed or injured on landing. The total number of enemy casualties is considerably increasing, but it is believed that Allied casualties are not heavy.

The Navy has played a big part in this battle by smashing up all enemy ships attempting to land troops and supplies by sea. Already three Axis convoys on their way to the island have been destroyed or driven back to their bases with heavy losses.—Reuter.

Satisfactory Situation

Cairo, May 24.

"Apart from Maleme, things have gone well on the whole," said a military spokesman here last night, reviewing the latest position in Crete. He revealed that Australians were fighting in Crete, and that they had paid tribute to the Greeks and Cretans, saying how proud they were to fight beside them in view of their splendid achievements in Greece.

The spokesman said fierce fighting was still proceeding, both sides using mainly Tommy guns, machine-guns and mortars. The Allies were using tanks and hand-grenades, but there was no evidence that the Germans had landed any tanks or motor-cycle combinations, such as they had used in Flanders.

He explained that fighting was centred on four main points—Heraklion, Retimo, Canea and Maleme, the last named being an aerodrome site a few miles west of Canea. The position at Maleme, where heavy fighting had occurred, was still indeterminate, the spokesman revealed.

The enemy, he continued, had sufficient ground to enable him to land aircraft, which he was doing, but the aerodrome was under Allied fire and was being constantly attacked. With the tide of battle swaying to and fro, it was still difficult to forecast the outcome at Maleme. There was still a good possibility that the enemy would be thrown out from the aerodrome.

No Sea Landings

The spokesman affirmed that there had been no landings of the enemy by sea.

Describing the situation as confused, he declared that it was by no means certain that a whole air division had been landed, still less landed intact. German tactics had consisted of showering down troops at various points, but the only point at which they had been successful was Maleme aerodrome.

Questioned whether the Allied troops were hampered by the absence of air support, the spoksman expressed the view that the main effect of such absence was that it was depressing to be dive-bombed without seeing one's own planes in the air. Dive-bombing, however, was not so effective against seasoned troops well dug in as against troops retreating.

Message to Greeks

The Greek Minister of the Interior has issued the following message to the Free Greeks: "The fight which we started against the Germans two days ago on our heroic island is proceeding satisfactorily. Our brave Allies, the British, closely united with the Greek and Cretan soldiers, are doing magnificent work. Have courage! We are fighting and shall continue to fight until final victory. God save the free people!"—Reuter.

Use warm milk instead of cold when mashing potatoes, and they will be much lighter.

American Transport Arrives In Port

Coming here direct from north China ports, the U.S.S. Henderson steamed into Shanghai at 12 noon yesterday, with over 100 Marines on board. These are being transferred for duty to the United States after doing their time in the North China.

The transport, which will probably leave Shanghai some time today, will take 270 Marines from Shanghai, sailing for San Francisco by way of Manila. It was reported yesterday that about 100 Marines would take place of those leaving Shanghai. These, it was said, had been transferred from the United States.

The Henderson, it was revealed, had been held up in Woosung. In addition to taking Marines from Shanghai, the transport picked up the Marine Band of the American Embassy in Peiping. A number of sailors of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet will leave for United States in the transport.

It may be recalled that American transports remained in Shanghai for several days in the past, although the U.S.S. Chaumont made only a brief stay here last year.

Embassy Guard Leaves

Peiping, May 24.

About 70 men of all ranks of the United States Embassy guard at Peiping due for seasonal relief, left here on Thursday night and yesterday for Chinwangtao to embark on the United States military transport Henderson.

It is understood that only technical services are being replaced, these numbering about a dozen men, and although no official figure of their number has been published, it is believed that this is a close estimate.

The United States Embassy guard has averaged about 200 men during recent years, and the present move represents the most considerable reduction in their strength to date.—Reuter.

Saved Life of Officer; Repaid Family Debt

In a prisoners of war camp somewhere in Germany a Welsh Guardsman must be deriving great satisfaction from the circumstances which surrounded his rescue of an officer during the retreat to Dunkirk. He is Guardsman James Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, 150, Deereroad, Ely, Cardiff.

After a vigorous engagement with tanks and German stormtroops near West Cappel he took cover with an officer under a bridge, with the water neck-high. For hours they had to wait until dusk fell. Then they decided to make a dash for it.

The officer was, however, so numbed with the cold that he was unable to move his limbs. Guardsman Andrews managed to restore life to them and thereby saved him from certain capture and probable death.

The officer concerned was Lieut. Rhidian Llewellyn, M.C., youngest son of the late Sir David Llewellyn and of Lady Llewellyn, of The Court, St. Fagans. He was decorated by the King in August for gallantry displayed in the same action in holding up a tank attack with hand grenades.

Pond Rescue

Many years ago a motorist was passing a pond which lies at the bottom of the gardens of The Court, St. Fagans. He noticed that a boy who was bathing there was drowning. He waded into the water and rescued him. Only the Andrews family knew his identity.

The boy was Mr. and Mrs. Andrews's younger son, and the passer-by who rescued him was Lieut. Rhidian Llewellyn's elder brother, Mr. H. M. Llewellyn, managing director of C. L. Clay and Co., Ltd., and well-known cross-country rider, who is now a subaltern in the Warwickshire Yeomanry.

"Kokumin Shimbun" Urges Attack on U.S. If Latter Goes to War With Nazis

Tokyo, May 24.

The ultra-nationalistic "Kokumin Shimbun" today declares that Japan should "resort to measures definitely attacking the United States" in event the latter becomes involved in war with Germany.

Reiterating that the tripartite alliance was concluded as a means toward "construction of a fair and reasonable new world order and, indirectly to prevent participation by the United States in the war for the sake of the happiness of the world and humanity" the "Kokumin" said that Japan should fully live up to its committments.

Should the United States "commit the folly of participating in the war in utter disregard of such real intentions by Japan, Germany and Italy it is as clear as daylight that Japan should abide by the alliance's holy pledge and resort to measures definitely attacking the United States, "Kokumin" added.—United Press.

"Free Italians" To Join Allies

London, May 24.

Plans for a world-wide "Free Italy Battalion" are being completed in London by the Free Italy Committee, recently organized to marshal people of Italian blood who oppose Fascism.

Headed by Carlo Petrone, a self-exile from his homeland, the committee has devised a programme to enlist Italians in America and other parts of the world in the fight against Fascism. Petrone said he already had received intimations from the Manzini Society in the United States, whose slogan is "Liberty and Honour," that they might cooperate in the movement. He added that thousands of volunteers throughout the world already have enrolled.

Chief Aims

The aims of the committee were defined as:

"To link together all Italians who are opposed to all dictatorship, whether from the Right or from the Left, and who are loyal to the cause for which the Allies are fighting. To reconquer for Italy her civil liberties through a form of government held by the people for the benefit of all social classes. To redeem her national honour, so compromised by a reckless policy of aggression, and to revive the beautiful traditions of the Risorgimento. To regain her political and cultural autonomy now sacrificed to a foreign bond. To prepare for her a place in the new order which will result from the certain victories of the Allies.—United Press.

Americans Wounded Aboard Zamzam

Washington, May 24.

Two Americans were wounded when German raiders shelled the Greek steamer, Zamzam, in the Atlantic and sank it, the State Department was advised today. All of the 142 Americans aboard, however, were rescued.—United Press.

OBITUARY

Baron Austin

London, May 24.

Baron Austin, of Longbridge, leading figure in the British motor car industry, died yesterday at the age of 75.

Born in Little Missenden, Bucks, Lord Austin was Chairman of Austin Motor Company. President of the Institution of Automobile Engineers and President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

He served his apprenticeship to engineering at Langlands Foundry in Melbourne, and before returning to England managed several small works in Melbourne.

He arrival back in England in 1890 to control the manufacture of the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machine, and ten years later became a director of the Wolseley Tool and Motor Company at Birmingham.

Lord Austin commenced the manufacture of motor cars on his own account at Longbridge works, Northfield, Birmingham, in 1905. Between 1919 and 1924 he represented King's Norton, Birmingham, in the House of Commons.

He was knighted in 1917, and created a baron in 1936. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.—Reuter.

THE STAGE

"Manon Lescaut"

The benefit performance for Miss Z. Bitner, organizer and primadonna of the Russian Light Opera, was a treat to all who came to honour the popular actress at the Lyceum Theatre last night. Although not one of the very popular operas, "Manon Lescaut" was well received by the public who did not hesitate in applauding the star. Miss Bitner was given fine support by the other singers of the show, particularly from Messrs. Markoff and Tolohoff, with the former actually stealing the honours by singing as he had never sung before. The latter, still a novice as far as Shanghai theatres go, was also in fine voice, although his acting technique is far from polished.

Others to please were Miss Lebedinskaya and Mr. Mouravieff. The honoured star was the recipient of numerous presents and baskets of flowers. The opera will be repeated for the last time tonight.—H.J.

Police Protect Lindbergh, Wheeler

New York, May 24.

The staunch isolationists Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, noted flier, and Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat of Montana, yesterday in a rally policed by 500 blue coats vigorously condemned American leaders who, they said, were dragging the United States into war.—United Press.

80 Foreign Ships May Be Seized by U.S.

Washington, May 24.

A joint House and Senate conference committee yesterday agreed on legislation permitting the Government to seize some 80 foreign ships now lying in American harbours.—Reuter.

Canaries as Gas 'Tecs In England

Canaries may soon be used as "gas detectors" in theatres, cinemas, air-raid shelters, and other places where large numbers of people assemble.

The suggestion has been discussed by the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies at its council meetings, and it is understood that the Government is making laboratory experiments with canaries, and their reactions to various poison gases.

Canaries, much more sensitive to gas than human beings, have many times proved to be life-savers by detecting gas in good time. They are already used in submarines and, coal mines, and at oil storage plants.

The birds give men instant warning of the presence of poison gases.

Bradford is the world centre for the famous Yorkshire canaries. There are more than 2,000 registered breeders in the district.—"The People."

Dumdum Bullets Found In Japanese Theatre

Ten dumdum bullets were found at the Kabukiza Theatre in Haining Road by Japanese sailors at the 3 p.m. showing yesterday. It was learned that the sailors came to the cinema and took their seats when one of them felt something hard in the seat. Curious to find out, the sailors searched the seats and discovered the bullets.

The picture was stopped immediately and the Japanese Naval Landing Party was informed. A thorough search of the audience, however, brought no result. The discovery remained still a mystery late last night, no further details being available.

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Shanghai Britons Celebrate Empire Day Traditionally

WITH a deep realization of what the survival of Great Britain, her Colonies and Dominions stand for in the world's march of progress and "in its application to the British Commonwealth of Free Nations," in the words of Mr. A. H. George, H. M. Consul-General here, did Britons in Shanghai honour the Empire in the various observances which marked the celebration of Empire Day in Shanghai yesterday.

In his speech at the Flag Raising ceremony Mr. George declared that every day the justice of the cause for which the British Empire and their allies are fighting, becomes more clearly recognized.

The facile, peacetime complaisance which marked the celebrations prior to the outbreak of the war was substituted by an intense admiration of what Mr. George described as the courage and endurance of the people of the British Isles under the most merciless aerial bombardment any country has ever had to bear." This was a feeling also shared by members of allied and other communities here.

The Flag Raising ceremony in the Consulate grounds was followed by an "at home" at the Shanghai Club and a gymkhana (report on sports page), one of the largest held in recent years at the Race Course. Radio station XCDN was a keen participant in the observation of the day and began broadcasting scout tunes and special announcements connected with the celebrations, from early morning.

The Jews of Shanghai in their various synagogues, including the new one on Route Tenant de la Tour, devoted special prayer services yesterday at 8 a.m. in observance of Empire Day. At the Seymour Road Synagogue Mr. D E. J. Abraham led the prayers which were said in both Jewish and English. This meeting was conspicuous also by the attendance of girl guides dressed in their smart blue uniforms. The prayers were of a communal nature and embodied an appeal in the Divine for long life to the King and Queen, the preservation of the Empire and for a speedy end to a victorious war.

Flag-raising Ceremony

The Empire Day celebrations commenced with a Flag Raising ceremony at the British Consulate-General, well attended by members of the British community and with Rovers, Scouts, Wolf Cubs, Rangers, Guides and Brownies participating. The ceremony started promptly at 8 a.m. when Mr. A. H. George, H.M. Consul-General, appeared in the grounds.

The parade came to attention as the Shanghai Amateur Concert Band played "God Save the King" while the flag was being raised. Mr. George then inspected the parade and made a short address. The Scouts and Guides then marched past the Consul-General.

The text of the address is given below:

Scouts, Cubs and Guides.

When you stood on this lawn a year ago, I told you how Empire Day came to be founded by the Earl of Meath in 1892. I tried to explain to you what the word Empire stands for in its application to the British Commonwealth of Free Nations, and what we mean when we say that freedom is the basis of the way of life of the peoples of the British Empire. Lastly, I tried to show you what you boys and girls can do to be good citizens and good friends of the Empire.

The past year has proved to all the world that the peoples of the Empire are ready to fight as one nation, to face every hardship, in defence of the ideals and liberties they hold more precious than life itself. The courage and endurance of the people of the British Isles under the most merciless aerial bombardment any country has ever had to bear has excited the admiration even of those who inflict these horrors upon them. The end is not in sight, and the road to victory may still be long, but every day the justice of the cause for which the British Empire and their allies are fighting becomes more clearly recognized by all who believe that nations and individuals alike have some right to control their own lives and destinies. More than ever we are confident that, whatever sacrifices we may still have to make, we need have no doubts as to the final outcome.

Lord Baden-Powell's Personality

To you Scouts and Guides an event of outstanding interest during the past year was the death of the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell. This great man's lovable personality and gift of leadership were an inspiration, not only to all those who had the good luck to meet him, but to tens of thousands of boys and girls all over the world to whom he gave a new purpose, a new ideal in life.

In the words of one of his friends and disciples, the Chief Scout has left "a memorial unique in history. In a world where so much effort and skill are given over to destruction, his life and work shine out as a beacon light, the light of friendship and useful endeavour and self-sacrifice, leading the world back to sanity and rebuilding. Scouting and Guiding will have their part to play in the rebuilding: they will not fail their Chief."

Last Message to Scouts

Before I stop speaking, I would like to read you Lord Baden-Powell's last message to his beloved Scouts:—

"Dear Scouts,

If you have ever seen the play Peter Pan you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die he might not have time to get it off his chest. It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days and I want to send you a parting word of goodbye.

"Remember, it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over.

"I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have as happy a life too.

"I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so can enjoy life when you are a man.

"Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

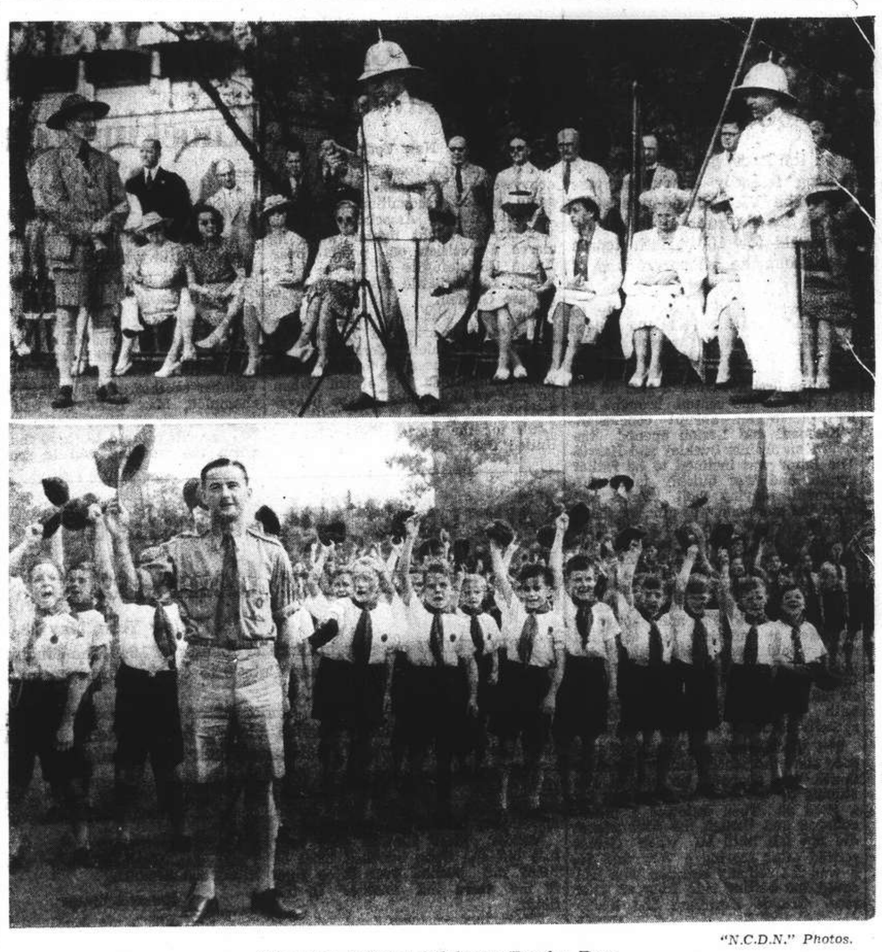
"But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it, and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. Be prepared in this way, to live happy and to die happy—stick to your Scout promise always—even after you have ceased to be a boy, and God help you to do it.

Your friend,
BADEN POWELL."

Mr. V. G. Bowden, Australian Government Trade Commissioner in China, broadcast over station XCDN as follows:—after the exploits of the Australian Imperial Force in northern Africa and Greece and the less visible but no less spirited participation of our Navy and Air Force, backed by the tremendous development of our production of war materials, it requires no words of mine to affirm that Australia stands four-square with Britain in this war.

What is worth emphasizing, however, is that, as one of the self-governing Dominions, we are not bound to fight in Britain's wars, and still less to send our Forces overseas. That we have nevertheless sent them, and that we have, moreover, permitted them to take part in campaigns which could not be even remotely associated with the defence of Australia, is a token that we have entered voluntarily this war, not merely out of considerations of self-interest, but in defence of certain ideals.

Those ideals are what binds the Empire together today. They include the principles of justice and fairplay, and the right to order our own lives according to our own ideas; but the core of them all is Freedom. We know that our mother Country stands for those ideals, and that is why Australians of all classes are united in their determination to see this war through with her until all threats against them are shattered and their foundations are made secure again in a triumphant peace.



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Shanghai Britons Celebrate Empire Day

Inspiring scenes were witnessed in Shanghai yesterday when local Britons honoured the Empire by their traditional celebration of the second Empire Day to be observed under the shadow of one of the most grim struggles in world history. Pictured above is Mr. A. H. George, C.M.G., H. M. Consul-General, addressing the assembled Scouts, Guides, Wolf Cubs and Brownies who paraded at the British Consulate for a flag-raising ceremony. The lower picture shows Wolf Cubs in the foreground and Boy Scouts at the rear pictured in the grounds of the British Consulate yesterday morning cheering His Majesty the King during the flag-raising ceremony.

Racketeering In Theatre Exposed

A Chinese booking clerk and a service boy of the Grand Theatre were ordered to be detained a week in custody by the First Special District Court yesterday in connection with a fraud in which an organized racket practised by some theatre employees extending over a long period was exposed.

It was disclosed by the prosecution that by re-selling tickets collected by boys at the entrance to the theatre a group of about 30 former employees defrauded the theatre of a considerable sum.

The racket was worked with the boys at the entrance collecting the tickets in full without tearing off the stubs, so that they could be resold by the booking office. The practice was indulged in during week-days when the theatre was not so packed, it was stated.

Fraud Discovered

Discovery of the fraud was made by the house manager of the theatre a month ago which resulted in the suspension of a number of employees of the booking office and ticket collecting boys. This almost resulted in a strike of all the employees of the theatre, the court was told. The two accused were arrested by the police on Friday and others believed to be concerned in the fraud are being sought.

Admitting the charge the two accused revealed that each member of the group received about $30 a month from the racket.

Home-breaker Wounded By Deserted Husband

Revenge was given as motive for one man's attempt to murder an acquaintance at a Chinese restaurant at the corner of Route Vallon and Rue Tenant de la Tour at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, when Wang Sieh-chow, is alleged to have inflicted serious injuries to the head of Fei Dang-ching with a kitchen knife. The assailant was arrested by a Chinese policeman, on duty in the vicinity, and was taken to Police headquarters for questioning.

It appears that Fei was responsible for luring Wang's wife away from her husband. The wife, it was learned, left Shanghai at Fei's advice and took her two daughters to Chungming.

The husband kept looking for Fei and finally found him at the restaurant. Armed with a kitchen knife, Wang is said to have attacked Fei and injured him in the head and neck. The victim was taken to St. Marie's Hospital, where his condition, although not fatal, was considered serious. He, however, denied Wang's allegations.

The assailant was arrested by the C.P.C. soon after the attack and was taken to the police station where he confessed and stated that Fei had broken up his home. He is 31 years old and is a resident of Nantao.

Trial of Rioters Ends

Sentences of 40 days' imprisonment each were passed by the First Special District Court yesterday on 27 Chinese charged with creating a disturbance in connection with the Ewo Cotton Mills strike.

The imposition of sentence brought to an end a lengthy trial. Another suspect charged with malicious assault in the same connection was sent to prison for five months while the sentence of another accused, who is detained in hospital, was reserved pending his recovery and appearance in court. Two other accused died in hospital.

32,500 Italian Now Prisoners in India

Simla, May 24.

It is learned that the number of Italian prisoners in India is now approximately 32,500. The International Red Cross has appointed a delegate in British India to organize private endeavours for the health and recreation of prisoners of war in India.—Reuter.

Health Department Issues Report

A seasonal decline in measle cases may be expected this month according to the April health report issued yesterday by the Commissioner of Public Health of the S.M.C. which stated that measles continued in prevalence last month with the total number of cases showing a slight decrease from that of the previous month. No less than 122 foreign and 2,083 Chinese births were recorded during the month under review, the rate per mille being 18.51 for the former. Deaths among the foreign community totalled 67 while the Chinese mortality aggregated 4,395 of which 2,453 were exposed corpses.

Among other things the report stated: "Notifications of relapsing fever were much more numerous, but although one might expect a corresponding rise in incidence of typhus fever, which is also transmitted by lice, no such increase has so far been noted. One knows that the onset and decline of epidemics are affected by extreme changes in weather conditions, by the infecting power of the casual organisms, and by changes in the living conditions and susceptibility of the population to risk, but it is possible that there are several other factors involved of which we are not yet aware."

Communicable Diseases

There was a slight increase in notifications of communicable diseases. Typhoid fever increased appreciably, 171 cases with 152 deaths were notified against 120 cases and 97 deaths in March. Of 171 cases notified none had ever been inoculated.

Relapsing fever continued to increase; there were 108 cases with 24 deaths recorded as against 69 cases and ten deaths during the previous month."

Reverting to the food division the report stated: "Business, in spite of the increase in prices in most of the market commodities, continued to be good throughout the month in all Municipal and private markets. With the exception of beef supplies which were on the short side, other market produce was sufficient and of good quality. During the second week of April the price of pork increased about 25 per cent. due to labour troubles. The hawker nuisance in the vicinity of all markets gave rise to several complaints from the stallholders. Many of them were prosecuted for possessing incorrect scales and failing to exhibit a price list.

Law-breakers Arrested

Other activities during early morning inspection included the seizure of incorrect scales, unstamped beef, pork and veal, game which is out of season, short weighted bread, dressed chickens which had been injected with water so as to increase the weight, ice from unlicensed sources, unsound fruit, poisonous globe fish, coloured drinks and jelly.

During the month 82,704 vaccinations were carried out as against 144,820 for the preceding month. The vaccination season is rapidly drawing to a close and the warmer weather and relative absence of smallpox have probably adversely affected the attendance for the month. Altogether 58,902 persons were inoculated against cholera during the month against 9,058 for the previous month. The season for this work began on May 15. The demand has not been excessive and is doubtless much influenced by the fact that there has been no general demand for certificates north of the Creek. Plague and malaria prevention work also were carried out extensively.

New Chief of General Staff in India

London, May 24.

Lieut.-General T. J. Hutton has been appointed Chief of the General Staff in India. He became Deputy Chief of the General Staff in India last year.—Reuter.

Chinese Bank Employee Kidnapped By Trio

Armed kidnappers were again busy yesterday morning when they carried off Mr. Tsang Mow-veng, a departmental manager of Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, and his sixteen-year old son from outside the victim's home at 201 Rue Maresca. It appears that the criminals were well acquainted with Mr. Tsang's movements, for he had hardly got into his car when the gangsters appeared on the scene.

According to police investigations, the crime was committed at 8.30 a.m. when Tsang and his son, Tsang Zao-cheng, left their home and entered their Ford car, bearing licence No. 7377.

The chauffeur had just started the machine when the gangsters, three in number and all in possession of Mauser pistols, forced the driver to stop the car by pointing their firearms at him.

Faced with no alternative, the chauffeur stopped the vehicle and was promptly forced out of the car. The kidnappers then got in, with one of them taking the driver's place at the wheel, and disappeared in a westerly direction.

The chauffeur went immediately home and reported the crime to the wife of the victim. The latter telephoned to the French police, who started investigations. Up to a late hour yesterday, however, the car was still missing. Nothing was learned of the victims.

It was not believed that the crime had any political connection, the fact that the victim was a wealthy man and could pay a substantial ransom was considered as motive for the crime.

Armed Robber Arrested Near Scene of Crime

One robber was arrested and a pistol was seized by a C.P.C. after an inmate of 51 Changsha Road, the place visited by four gangsters at 6.45 p.m. yesterday, brought the policeman to the scene of crime before the gangsters had time to leave the premises. No shots were fired.

The gangsters, two of whom were armed with pistols, entered the house and intimidated the occupants. While the armed men kept close guard over their victims, their accomplices searched the place for money and valuables, and stole about $2,000 in cash and property.

One of the inmates raised the alarm and the C.P.C. responded, and gave chase.

Australia Restricts Use of Tinplate

Sydney, May 24.

Restrictions on the use of tinplate were announced today by Mr. P. A. McBride Minister for Supply and Development and Munitions.

Australia, he said, had accepted large orders for canned goods from overseas and other Empire forces. An order would be made requiring cannister makers to discontinue printing and cutting tinplate as containers for many purposes without the authority of the Department of Supply.—Reuter.

Male Chinese Reported Held by Japanese

It was reported late last night that a male Chinese had been arrested by two Japanese on Cunningham Road, near Boundary Road. The arrest was made at about 9.05 p.m., but no details, apart from the report that the Chinese was then taken in direction of Hongkew, could be obtained. The identity of the Chinese was not ascertained.

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Last—But Still Trying . . . . .

Not even the assistance of the Clown could help I. Kinloch to finish anywhere but last in the Rickshaw Race. The picture shows Kinloch pulling desperately for the distant line, while his fair partner laughs hilariously at his efforts and the Clown adds to the general mirth.

Empire Day Mounted Gymkhana Proves Overwhelming Success

BY "THE CHASER"

SURPASSING all previous gymkhanas in grandure and magnificence the Empire Day Mounted Gymkhana held yesterday afternoon gave Shanghailanders one of the finest equestrian treats that they have ever had the pleasure of enjoying. It can truly be said without reserve that the show was in every respect an overwhelming success and one fitting to the occasion of the day.

The wide variety of events, with good comic relief thrown in, held the interest of the large crowd (numbering about six hundred) during the entire running off of the programme which was extended over a period of two and a half hours.

Not a Single Hitch

The Committee responsible are to be congratulated for their splendid arrangements in having one item after the other run off without a single hitch and with the minimum loss of and with the minimum loss of time.

At the stroke of three thirty the first competitor in the opening event, the Open Jumping, "Y" Class, competition took the field: it was Mrs. E. Andrews on Idiot's Delight. She drew a round of applause from the crowd when she completed an almost perfect round. Her effort on this pony was only eclipsed by that of the winner, A. V. Striker, who rode his own race pony, Petruska, to complete the course of eight jumps with only four points chalked up against him. Third place went to H. Maitland on Corona who had eight points.

An Outstanding Performance

As soon as the winners of the first event had been announced the first contestant for the Opening Jumping "Z" Class was sent off. The standard of jumping in this event, however, did not come up to the same high level as that of the "Y" class ponies and on an average a much larger number of faults were committed. Far and away the outstanding performance was that of Aragon, who, with Miss B. von Schubert on his back, completed the course without a single error. She was therefore adjudged the winner. Miss von Schubert also annexed second berth while riding Fol Espoir, her first mount, although eleven points were marked down against her. C. N. Abbott and Miss Yvonne Pollock tied for third place with twelve points each but the former was given the "nod" as he covered the course in faster time, taking one minute and forty seconds while the latter took five seconds longer.

Narrow Win in Mixed Pairs

Miss von Schubert's ponies, Aragon and Fol Espoir were again in the spotlight in the final heat of the Mixed Pair Jumping when she, riding Fol Espoir and G. R. Cheape Aragon, scored a narrow triumph; winning only on the element of time. Ali Bev who was more than a handful for Miss Arguello in the "Z" Class event was well controlled in this event by her rider and with the combination of E. Mandelert on Chiki were perhaps unlucky not to have taken first place as they, like the winning couple, only had eight errors chalked up against them. But the fact that they took 24 seconds longer to complete the course robbed them of their victory.

Mrs. E. Andrews, on The Jacana, and C. N. Abbott, on Bobby, were disqualified after negotiating with many refusals and errors the first four jumps. Miss Yvonne Pollock and N. F. Allman, riding Aeolus and Bull Run respectively, did not hit it off together at all well and only succeeded in clearing two of the eight jumps without faults.

Light Horse Win Tent-Pegging

The Tent-pegging event was keenly anticipated but it failed to reach any great heights of interest as the Light Horse squad, comprising of A. J. Hickmott, J. G. W. Lewis, A. V. White and Duncan Fraser, proved their superiority in each of the three runs to run up a total of 58 points. Their nearest rivals, the Punjabi "Yellows," started off poorly when one of their members was thrown at the start of the first run which naturally minimized their chance of winning. They eventually succeeded in fetching 41 points while the third aggregation, the American Troop, were five points behind.

The fifth item on the programme was a Musical Ride, a display by members of the Shanghai Pony Club. This event on the programme lent an air of pageantry to the day as the riders were costumed in the uniforms resembling those used by the military a century or two ago. This was one of the most picturesque turns which, combined with the splendid way in which the children had obviously been drilled, turned an ordinary ride into one of the features of the programme. It may, perhaps, have been a trifle too long as it became rather monotonous towards the end.

The Fun Begins

With the more serious part of the gymkhana dealt with the fun began in the sixth event with the Rickshaw Race. But between the fifth and sixth items three clowns provoked laughter from the public with their amusing antics.

The Rickshaw Race resulted in a "short-shaft" victory for the combination of Miss Yvonne Pollock and Duncan Fraser, who, in a desperate do or die attempt, succeeded in reaching the finish just ahead of the next combination, which was none other than Mr. and Mrs. Cheape.

S.C.C. Get Off To Fine Start

After being held up by rain for a number of weeks the S.C.C. got off to a fine start yesterday afternoon when D. W. Leach's XI thrashed A. C. Sinclair's side by seven wickets. The losers, batting first were able to muster only 107 runs and never appeared at ease against an attack which certainly never seemed full of guile. Leach's team passed their opponents' total for the loss of three wickets but continued their knock and finally amassed 223.

P. V. Simpson, Club demon fast bowler, struck his form early and secured three wickets at paltry cost. Pote-Hunt, who, it is understood, is shortly leaving these shores for duty with H. M. Services banged out a useful 50 before voluntarily retiring. He hit a huge six off Lingard and reached the tapes on four other occasions. He was missed twice, however, during a good innings.

Sinclair's XI took first knock. Morris and Sluis opposing the offering of Duckitt and Orr. Sluis was first to go, clean bowled by Orr after a fairly useful start. Thereafter runs always seemed hard to get and wickets fell at alarmingly regular intervals. Simpson, Dean and Sinclair were able only to collect fourteen runs between them. The tailenders did far better than the earlier bats but despite the fact that the ninth wicket partnership between Graybrooke and Lingard added 37 very valuable and badly needed runs the side was out for 107 after 98 minutes batting. Seven bowlers were used in the attack by Leach, with six of them being successful in their attempts to ensnare victims.

With over three hours at their disposal to get the runs needed for victory there was not the slightest need for the eventual winners to hurry in their run-scoring efforts. Orr and Pote-Hunt began well though the former was lucky during his merry knock which produced eighteen runs. Scott joined Pote-Hunt and runs came at a good rate. Bowling changes appeared to have little effect upon the bastmen who, however, were not timing their strokes with mid-season effectiveness. Scott finally left at 77 after having compiled a very good 30. Pate did not stay long, Jenkins finding a hole in his defence when the batsman had scored eight and the total was 98. Pote-Hunt was playing well at times and in one bright interlude clouted Lingard all over the place. He retired with the board reading 115 and the game won, at which point interest in the encounter evaporated somewhat.

A. C. Sinclair's XI

Dr. H. H. Morris, b. Dickson	17
E. J. Sluis b. Orr	14
P. V. Simpson, c. Dickson, b. Fletcher	4
A. V. T. Dean, b. Duckitt	2
T. H. Wood, b. Duckitt	0
A. C. Sinclair, c. Orr, b. Fletcher	8
J. C. Jenkins, c. Duckitt, b. Scott	15
W. V. K. Chadwick, st. Reynolds, b. Leach	0
A. Lingard, c. Dickson, b. Duckitt	15
D. J. Graybrooke, c. & b. Leach	21
J. R. Kale, not out	0
Extras	11
Total	107

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Duckitt	4.5	0	19	2
Orr	3	0	13	1
Dickson	4	1	13	2
Fletcher	3	1	2	2
Scott	2	0	17	1
Leach	4	0	11	2
Pate	2	0	21	0

D. W. Leach's XI

J. W. Pote-Hunt, retired	50
H. E. Orr, b. Dean	18
R. F. Scott, b. Jenkins	30
K. M. Pate, b. Jenkins	8
E. R. Duckitt c. Lingard, b. Simpson	46
R. U. Reynolds, c. Morris, b. Sluis	10
W. N. Dickson, b. Sluis	0
J. Fletcher, c. Sinclair, b. Graybrooke	38
W. F. Walton, b. Simpson	0
D. W. Leach, c. Wood, b. Simpson	12
P. J. Hart, not out	4
Extras	7
Total	223

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wood	3	0	20	0
Dean	4	0	23	1
Jenkins	6	0	27	2
Chadwick	4	0	33	0
Lingard	3	0	13	0
Kale	3	0	22	0
Sluis	3	0	14	2
Morris	3	0	21	0
Simpson	4	0	19	3
Graybrooke	3.3	0	24	1

Close Finish Seen In Recs' Opening Match Of Season

IN the opening game of the season on the Recs' ground yesterday afternoon an extremely interesting friendly encounter was seen between the President's XI and the Vice-President's side, the former team winning a close match by six runs after having scored 186 and then retiring their rivals for 180. Both teams batted ten men a-side and play throughout the afternoon was of high calibre.

The winners threatened easily to pass the 200 mark but a brilliant piece of bowling by Pat Madar, who secured the last three wickets in successive balls, thereby enabling him to complete the first hat-trick of 1941 on the first day of the season, brought the innings to an abrupt conclusion.

Kermani and Leriou opened the afternoon against Buckley and Harris. The latter was inclined to be rather erratic and was quickly taken off. Karmani, playing well, scored fast from the start and was quickly ahead of his partner who left at 48 with his total 15. Kermani reached his half-century in good time and then voluntarily retired. Kliene and Quincey were responsible in the main for the remainder of the side bringing the total to 186 and though it appeared at one time that the final score would reach much higher proportions, Pat Madar took the last three wickets in three balls to finish off the innings rather abruptly. Marcal with three victims for nineteen actually returned a better analysis.

The Vice-President's XI got off to a good start the board reading 65 before Smith was snapped up behind the stumps by the ever alert Leriou for a good 30. Then followed a minor collapse and though the fifth wicket did not fall until III when Gomes retired after scoring a very fine 64, it was the retiring batsman who had saved the batting side from an utter rout. Grundt, Karmiloff and Kidby did well with the bat and very nearly succeeded in pulling the game out of the fire but though they failed to get the necessary seven extra runs required for victory they did sufficient.

Police Beat Parsees

In a friendly encounter on the Police ground yesterday afternoon the Parsees succumbed to the Police in what was to all intents and purposes a practice game by four wickets. Neither side was at full strength, a number of youngsters being afforded the opportunity of displaying their wares. Blix, a newcomer to the Police XI, showed considerable promise when batting and in a steady knock that was marked by good defence, scored an undefeated 49.

The Parsees took first knock but quickly suffered a reverse when Tata fell to Novgorodoff who shows promise with his medium paced deliveries. A good fourth wicket partnership between Divecha and B. R. Viccajee apparently placed the visitors in a useful position for with 91 on the board they seemed set for a good total, but the tail enders failed badly.

The Police began badly, two wickets being down for only four runs, but Allan and Baldock quickly retrieved this poor start. Baldock was joined by Blix and they were not separated until the winning run had been hit.

Parsee C.C.

N. N. Mehta, c. Novgorodoff, b. Blix	9
J. B. Tata, b. Novgorodoff	0
S. P. Karanjia, c. Blix, b. Novgorodoff	14
M. J. Divecha, retired	33
B. R. Viccajee, b. Woodley	30
A. C. P. Abbott, c. Blix, b. Baldock	0
P. M. Charna, b. Woodley	0
K. F. Shroff, b. Woodley	1
B. K. Mistry, not out	5
J. P. Petigura, b. Blix	0
E. R. Viccajee, b. Novgorodoff	0
Extras	14
Total	106

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Novgorodoff	6.4	0	18	3
Blix	5	0	33	2
Fonseca	2	0	5	0
Kushman	2	0	7	0
Kidby	2	0	16	0
Woodley	3	0	5	3
Baldock	2	0	9	1

Police C.C.

J. T. Allen, c. & b. Charna	28
S. Holtham, c. S. Karanjia, b. Charna	1
H. Kidby, b. Charna	0
W. H. Baldock, b. Tata	36
F. C. Woodley, b. Charna	4
T. Kushman, b. Viccajee	0
D. Novgorodoff, b. Viccajee	3
D. L. Blix, not out	49
A. M. Fonseca, c. Abbott, b. Charna	9
A. Decombel, b. Shroff	0
B. B. Boddy, b. Mehta	7
Extras	10
Total	147

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mehta	4.1	0	35	1
Charna	10	2	40	5
Viccajee B. R.	5	0	9	2
Divecha	3	0	14	0
Tata	2	0	23	1
Shroff	2	0	10	1

President's XI

F. R. Kermani, retired	51
J. Leriou, c. Gomes, b. Madar	15
H. Andersen, b. Marcal	9
A. A. Kliene, b. Buckley	38
E. B. Brodd, b. Marcal	0
R. N. Manley, b. Marcal	7
N. Hart-Baker, c. Grundt, b. Madar	0
L. P. Quincey, not out	34
A. N. Other, did not bat	—
R. J. S. Brandt, b Madar	0
M. U. Mohideen, c. Grundt, b. Madar	11
Extras	21
Total	186

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Buckley	14	3	47	1
Harris	2	0	16	0
Madar	10.4	1	56	4
Marcal	6	1	19	3
Gomes	2	0	19	0
Grundt	1	0	8	0

Vice-President's XI

C. J. Smith, c. Leriou, b. Mohideen	30
A. F. Gomes, retired	64
T. Buckley, did not bat	—
D. F. Harris, run out	4
L. Quincey, l.b.w. b. Brodd	0
L. Marcal, c. & b. Brodd	2
E. Grundt, c. Kermani, b. Manley	25
G. Karmiloff, st. Leriou, b. Brodd	25
E. Kidby, c. Manley, b. Kliene	14
E. Tivoniuk, c. & b. Kermani	1
P. Madar, not out	5
Extras	11
Total	180

Fourth Marine Athletes Score Second Successive Triumph In Track Meet

The Fourth Marine track and field team scored its second consecutive victory in duel meets yesterday when they trounced the Betars in a 67-47 fracas. Iron man of the day was Taller of the vanquished team as he garnered no less than two first places, one second and one third to lead in the individual scoring. Yesterday's meet was a fitting farewell for several of the Marine spikesters as it was their last meet in this city and they went aboard the transport shortly after the meet.

Mudry, dimunitive Leatherneck dash man, copped both of the sprint events while Lamp grabbed first place in the 440 yard run. The relay proved a very lopsided affair as the Marines walked away with the event by breaking the tape a full 75 yards ahead of the Betar relay squad.

Several other local runners took part in the meet but their points were not included in the total as they were running unattached. Ikey Dobrenky and Lionel Stagg exchanged events and each won the 880 and 440 respectively. Dobrenky breasted the tape in the half mile in the creditible time of 2.12, while Stagg romped around the 440 in smooth easy style in 55.2. Another newcomer to local track circles ran a nice race in the 880 to finish third. The man mentioned being Reggie Watson and he should bear watching in the coming Police Sports Meet on June 7.

100 yard dash: 1, Mudry (Marines) 2, Meyer, (Marines) 3, Kotzman (Betar). Time, 10.5.

120 yard Low Hurdles: 1, Ross (Marines) 2, Nicholae (Marines) 3, Gordin (Betar). Time, 15.2.

220 yard dash: 1, Mudry (Marines) 2, Kotzman (Betar) 3, Meyer (Marines). Time, 23.6.

800 yard run: 1, Hinkle (Marines) 2, Cohen (Betar) 3, Gordin (Betar). Time, 2:13.8.

440 yard run: 1, Lamp (Marines) 2, Ross (Marines) 3, Nisenbaum (Betar). Time, 59.4.

880 yard relay: 1, Marines; 2, Betar. Time, 1:36.5.

High Jump: 1, Ross (Marines) and Clancy (Marines) tied 3, Taller (Betar).

Javelin Throw: Taller (Betar) 2, Taylor (Marines) 3, Taylor (Marines). Distance 155 feet 6 inches.

Discus Throw: 1, Taller (Betar) 2, Golbrail (Betar) 3, Pounders (Marines)

Shot Put: 1, Taylor (Marines) 2, Taller (Betar) 3, Golbrail (Betar). Distance 43 feet 8 inches.

Broad Jump: 1, Hinkle (Marines) 2, Ross (Marines) 3, Meyer (Betar). Distance 19 feet.

Lesnevich Given Light-Heavy Title

New York, May 24.

Gus Lesnevich, former world light-heavyweight champion, last night again gained recognition from the National Boxing Association as the top cruiser-weight fighter when he scored a decision on points over Anton Christofordis of Greece in a fifteen round battle at the Madison Square Garden.

The bout was the second of a series of three arranged by the New York State Athletic Commission to determine the successor to Billy Conn, who relinquished the crown when he entered the ranks of the heavyweights and gained a clash with Joe Louis for the world title in June.—United Press.

Cincinnati Take Spotlight In Spectacular Come-Back

New York, May 23.

PERFORMING once again like the champs of 1940, the Cincinnati Reds humbled the Chicago Cubs 8 to 4 today to move up into fifth place in the senior circuit.

The hurling of Johnny Vander Meer and the stick work of catcher Ernie Lombardi spelled victory for the Reds. Bill McKechnie's club completely outclassed their foes throughout.

With another win tomorrow Cincinnati can replace the Cubs in fourth place and make their initial appearance in the upper division.

Vander Meer allowed only four hits but the Cubs bunched most of them and pushed over three runs in the third and another in the ninth.

Three hurlers were used by Cub Manager Jimmy Wilson. They were nicked for ten hits and also received poor support from their mates, who committed three miscues. The Reds collected two runs in the first inning from two walks and a pair of singles. In the third, Frank McCormick and Jimmie Ripple came through with doubles and Charles Aleno, Lombardi and Koy pounded out single to account for four more scores.

The Cubs collected three scores in the third off three walks, a hit batsman and a wild throw. Lombardi led all batsmen by collecting four singles out of four trips to the plate.

The league leading St. Louis Cards took a night game in their home park from the Pittsburgh Pirates by a 2 to 1 score. The Pirates took the lead in the second inning but the Cards came back to knot the score in the fourth and then pushed over the winning run in the fifth.

Box Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	7	11	0
Detroit	1	11	1
Batteries—Lyons and Tresh; Bridges, Thomas and Tebbetts.			
Chicago	0	7	1
(second game)			
Detroit	9	14	0
Batteries:—Dietrich, Humphries, Tresh and Dickey; Trout and Tebbetts.			
Boston	9	13	2
New York	9	10	1
Batteries:—Dobson, Harris, Dickman H. Newsom, Ryba and Peacock: Chandler, Stanceu, Breuer, Murphy and Dickey.			
St. Louis	2	5	1
Cleveland	4	5	2
Batteries:—Galehouse and Ferrell; Milnar and Desautels.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati	8	10	1
Chicago	4	4	3
Batteries:—Vandermeer, E. Riddle and Lombardi: Passeau, Olsent, Erickson and McCullough, George.			
Pittsburgh	1	5	1
St. Louis	2	9	1
Batteries:—Butcher and Lopez; M. Cooper and Mancuso.			

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	26	12	.684
Chicago	20	13	.606
New York	19	17	.528
Boston	15	15	.500
Detroit	17	18	.486
Philadelphia	14	19	.424
Washington	14	21	.400
St. Louis	11	21	.344

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St Louis	23	9	.719
Brooklyn	22	12	.647
New York	17	14	.548
Chicago	14	16	.467
Cincinnati	15	18	.455
Pittsburgh	12	16	.429
Boston	12	19	.387
Philadelphia	10	21	.323

—United Press

Stocking runs—one of any girl's most baffling problems—to-day had Paramount's entire wardrobe department completely stumped. Not how to avoid 'em—but how to get 'em! For scenes in "New York Town," Mary Martin has to wear a stocking that has a distinct, and visible, run in it. What's more, the run has to be in a certain place.

Buddy Baer Disqualified After Knocking Louis Through Ropes

Washington, May 24.

AMID the wildest confusion, Joe Louis, who was smashed through the ropes in the first round, retained his world heavyweight title when a helpless Buddy Baer was disqualified because his frantic seconds refused to leave the ring at the start of the seventh round last night.

Washington's first heavyweight title fight ended chaotically for some 30,000 fans with this strange disqualification announcement as the younger brother of the former world champion, Max Baer, sat half unconscious on his stool in his corner. His seconds refused to leave the ring when the warning whistle sounded ten seconds before the bell for the opening of the seventh round and they still declined to leave when the bell rang for action. Accordingly, Referee Arthur Donovan disqualified the challenger because his seconds had violated the boxing code of the District of Columbia.

Big Buddy Baer was floored three times before he was disqualified in the tragedy, rather than comedy, of errors. He was blasted to the canvas twice during the sixth round and again just after the bell rang ending the sixth canto. He had just risen at the count of ten before the closing gong sounded. Many observers were not certain whether he got up before the full count was completed.

Because of the roar of the crowd, Louis apparently failed to hear the bell closing the round and he landed a terrific right to the head, flooring Baer like an axed ox. Referee Donovan later said that the knockout blow was landed before the bell, but most observers, including the United Press sports scribes, said that the punch was delivered after the bell had sounded.

The announcement of the decision, giving Louis the fight, was greeted by hundreds of the fans booing, indicating that the crowd believed that Baer had been floored after the bell had sounded. Baer, however, had taken a brutal beating and was helpless even without the blow that caused the controversy.

The only bright piece of work shown by Buddy during the fight was his first round onslaught when he sent Louis through the ropes on to the ring apron. Buddy lashed out with a terrific left hook which caught the world champion fully on the chin. Louis however, amazed the crowd with his comeback. He immediately clambered back into the ring and forced the pace throughout.—United Press.

List Of Acceptances For Derby

London, May 24.

The following are the acceptances for the New Derby to be run at Newmarket on June 18 and June 19 respectively over a distance of one and a half miles:

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7	2	5	200.50	110.50
8	2	6	179.40	132.80
9	1	5	103.20	49.30
10	3	6	195.90	74.10
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Col. DeWitt Peck Leaves Shanghai

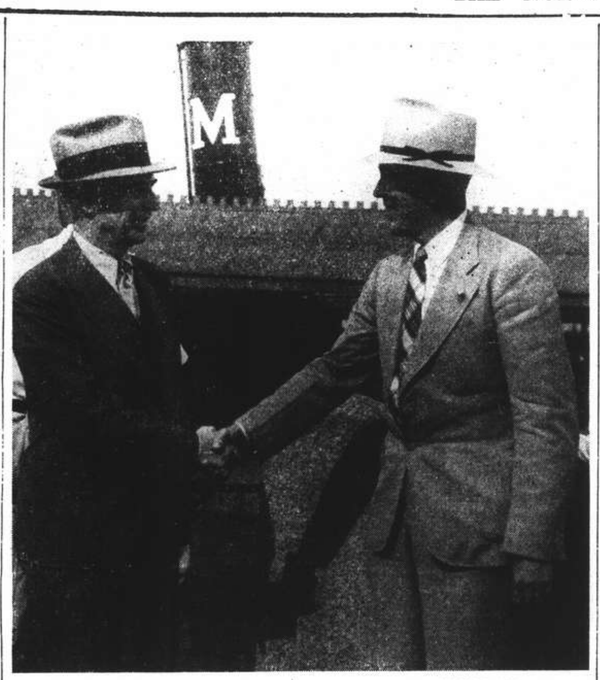
With the departure of the ss. President Taft early this morning, Shanghai loses another prominent figure, who had been respected by all who came into close contact with him. This was Col. DeWitt Peck, late commander of the U.S. Fourth Marine Corps who bade Shanghai farewell yesterday afternoon as he boarded the Merry Moller to go to the liner, which would take him back to the United States.

The Customs Jetty was crowded with prominent Shanghai personages, among those present being Rear-Admiral W. A. Glassford, Admiral Takeda, commanding the Japanese Naval Landing Party, Col. J. L. Eissautier, commander-in-chief of French Forces in China, Mr. Frank P. Lockhart, U.S. Consul-General, Col. S. L. Howard, commanding the U.S. Fourth Marines, Maj. K. M. Bourne, S.M.P. Commissioner, Commandant L. Fabre, Commissioner of French Police, Captain H. M. Smyth, Captain G. A. Bouvet, members of the U.S. Fourth Marine Corps and Japanese Naval Landing Party.

No Guard of Honour

The send-off was not formal and the departing Marine officer arrived with Col. Howard and walked straight to the jetty where he shook hands with the many friends that had gathered there to wish him *bon voyage*. Even the customary guard of honour had been dispensed with, although the Marine band was present and rendered military music, climaxing it with "California, Here I Come" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Col. Peck was honoured at several functions and was presented with a silver tray by the Marine officers at the American Club.



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Col. DeWitt Peck Says Good-bye.

One of the most popular Marine commanders left Shanghai early this morning when the ss. President Taft sailed on her return voyage to San Francisco. This was Col. DeWitt Peck, late commander of the U.S. Fourth Marine Corps, who sailed to assume a new post in Washington. The photo shows Col. Peck saying good-bye to Col. Samuel L. Howard, who relieved him as commander of the Marines.

Bateman-King Dance Recial

The Bateman-King School of Dancing presented a recital yesterday afternoon at the Lyceum to a large audience. Miss Audrey King gave a short introduction before each of the demonstrations which formed the first part of the programme. The opening number was a series of rhythmic exercises of the revived Greek movement, followed by a series of acrobatics. The 'Baby' class, the youngest member of which is 5½ years old, gave some very charming dances. The Ballet class showed a number of the first steps which have to be mastered at the bar, and some short dances. The demonstrations of the various classes were of a very high standard and the tiny tots especially, gave an excellent performance.

"Who Killed Cock Robin?" was enacted in a very charming manner, the children mimicking the mannerisms of birds in a very life-like way, their fine feathered costumes, the scenery and the nest in the tree where the three little wrens sat, all added greatly to the illusion. The children in the play gave a variety of expressions through the picturesque medium of the dance. The music was by Saint Saens, Schumann, Prokoviev, Arensky, Macbeth and Schechter.

'Hollandsche Boerendansen' a Dutch scene, complete with a model windmill, in which the old pupils played was equally colourful.

The choreography and costumes were by the Bateman-King School. Mr. Leo Itkis was the musical director, assisted by Mrs. A. Kolm. The stage manger was Mr. C. L. Mathew, assisted by Mr. J. L. Simmons and Tzimbal was responsible for the lighting.

2,500 Lithographers Return To Work

The number of strikers in the city dwindled yesterday afternoon as about 2,500 Chinese lithographers resumed work after more than one week of idleness. The strikers, it is understood, have been granted increase in pay and high cost of living allowance.

Several hundred assistants of Chinese dry good shops went on strike on Friday afternoon, but resumed yesterday morning pending negotiations. It is learned that the assistants have made demands for better treatment.

The striking painters yesterday came to the Shanghai Municipal Police to ask for mediation. They later demonstrated in front of the Central station, but were dispersed by the police, who confiscated their banners.

All the other strikes continued without a change yesterday and these included 700 employees of Patons and Baldwins, over 1,100 workers of the Commercial Press, and about 600 employees of Woo Woo Weaving Mills.

B.W.A. Notes

Monday, May 26.—Needlecraft 9.30 a.m. at Headquarters.
Tuesday, May 27.—Sports Section Committee at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, May 28.—War work 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. War work knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
Thursday, May 29.—War work at 1288 Bubbling Well Rd. 9 to noon.
Saturday, May 31.—War work knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The Social Service Board hope members and their friends will remember their jumble sale on June 10. Articles of all kinds will be accepted. With the ever-rising cost of everything the Board is finding it increasingly difficult to meet its obligations and would be glad of all the support possible.

The next meeting of the Home and Garden Section will be at Mrs. Dean's garden, 695 Avenue Haig. Talk on "Vegetables for small Gardens."

Another tennis party has been arranged by kind permission of the China Printing and Finishing Co., Ltd., at their Pootung Works, on June 9. The firm is allowing the use of their launch which leaves the Customs Jetty at 2 p.m., for the main party and 3.15 p.m., also 4.30 and 5.15 p.m., for business members. In the unfortunate event of bad weather, there are plenty of indoor amusements such as table tennis, darts, bagatelle and competitions. Non-section members and other friends are invited. Tickets can be obtained from the office price $3 per head which covers the launch trip and tea in the firm's canteen. It is hoped that a good crowd will turn up and thus support the War Work Fund, to which the proceeds will be handed.

Only Bad Weather Keeps R.A.F. From Bombing Reich

By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser
Special to the "N.C.D.N."

On no single night since bombs were first dropped on objectives inside Germany have British bombers been kept away from their targets by anything except weather. Yet Goering promised German people their defences would keep them immune from air attack.

While the Luftwaffe, as result of under-estimating defences of Great Britain, was forced to try one set of tactics after another in an effort to make day bombing of Britain pay, the R.A.F. had already shown what could be done against precise military objectives by night.

Eventually Luftwaffe had to learn a lesson from them and visit British cities only by night. Even so the Luftwaffe was unable to imitate the R.A.F.'s precision bombing by night and could only make mass attacks on large areas in the hope of dropping bombs on something worth hitting.

Evasive Communique

German propagandists have had to pay dearly for this lack of imagination. Thus after the R.A.F. raided Berlin on April 17 they had to put out a most evasive communique, "Strong enemy formations," they said, "again penetrated to the outer anti-aircraft barrage of Berlin. Only single planes, however, succeeded in penetrating through the barrage belt to the centre of the city. Four public buildings including again the State Library and about ten dwelling houses were damaged. The number of injured was small."

It is obvious from this communique that the German authorities are still harping on the idea of mass attack by aircraft in formation. But to Berliners this point of outworn tactics which enables the authorities to claim the break-up of non-existent formations must have been merely irritating. As British bombers even when they attack in hundreds never fly in formation by night the phrase "single aircraft" means nothing at all.

Though the German defences cannot stop night bombers they must be reckoned with and crews of British bombers do not underrate them. Every attack on well-defended German towns Wilhelmshaven, Kiel, Bremen, Cologne, Hamburg and Berlin is as carefully planned as offensives against strong fortifications on the ground—the safest routes to be found, best height at which to pass guns, right tactics by which to evade searchlights to prevent gunners from getting ranges, locating landmarks to guide bombers most directly through the series of batteries ranged in semi-circles outside the suburbs. Different tactics are tried on different occasions and the experiences of every crew pooled, whole problems treated like a scientific experiment and nothing left to chance.

Toughness and Endurance

To get through a fierce barrage demands not only skill and courage from the crews but also toughness and endurance in machine. One night bomber was returning from an attack on Wilhelmshaven when it ran into a terrific barrage. Shell bursts right on top of the aircraft and the navigator actually saw one of the airscrews fall off. A few minutes later the pilot saw flames coming out of the cowling of one of the engines. The fire was put out and on one remaining engine which inevitably got overheated in the course of the long journey home, the pilot guided the aircraft safely and made a perfect landing on the aerodrome near the English coast.

During a heavy raid on Kiel another bomber was holed in more than 40 places both in the wings and fuselage. Most of the holes were large enough to put an arm through but the bomber completed its mission and brought the crew safely to the base. With aircraft like these British crews can and do get through any barrage.

In another attack on Kiel, a pilot described how the moment his aircraft had been picked up by searchlights all the guns of the port opened fire just as though a switch had been turned on. At the height he was flying it is impossible to find the precise target while at the same time taking evasive action. He therefore decided to come down low.

Into Rain of Fire

As he dived down fifteen searchlights caught him at 8,000 feet and at once light as well as heavy anti-aircraft guns got his range. But still he went down and at 1,000 feet he could see the target clearly and raced over for bombs to be dropped. Now there is only one thing to do—come down still further and pilot swooped down to 100 feet. Suddenly he saw trees in front of him, but fortunately searchlights flattening out to catch the low flying aircraft, had lit up the trees just in time, and the bomber went over grazing their tops.

But the pilot still had to fly low to keep out of the way of guns. Wherever he tried to climb he was driven down again. Everywhere he turned the way was blocked by a curtain of fire and for about ten minutes he went backwards and forwards till eventually he found a loophole in the defences and made his way out towards the sea. Nothing had stopped him from bombing the target.

These typical adventures. Every city in Germany is well-defended but whatever happens the bomber gets through the barrage. Formidable as a barrage can be it is not enough to check the bomber and in Germany as in Britain night fighters are playing an increasingly important part in the defence. In Britain night fighters already have given great hope for the future but in Germany victories are all the other way and again and again British bombers, when found by night fighters, have fought back and won.

Bomber Beats Four Fighters

On the night of March 10 a British bomber over Germany was attacked by four fighters, at once there was a general Mêleé and one of the enemy was hit while another was seen to climb vertically, stall and crash to the ground.

Over Cologne a few nights earlier the enemy took advantage of the clear weather and sent up many fighters to protect the town. There was a number of inconclusive encounters during which several Messerschmitts gave up the unequal struggle. But the crew of one of our bombers, after the rear gunner had opened fire at about 150 yards, saw a two-engined fighter burst into flames—the enemy was held at this moment by one of his own searchlights—and disappear below.

At any moment on the way across Germany British bombers may encounter a wall of searchlights put up to guide the fighters. When this happens, the crew prepares for action with complete confidence. Night is one of the many allies of British which Goering had forgotten and not even the Third Reich can turn night into day.

Victim of Assault Files Complaint

It was learned yesterday that Mr. George Leonoff, City Editor of the "China Press" had filed a complaint with Judge R. Rapex, of the Italian Consular Court in Shanghai, against Messrs. G. Constantini, Benuchi, P. Corigliani, owner of La Moda tailor shop in Avenue du Roi Albert, and Morelli, a physical culture instructor, alleged to have caused him bodily harm on Friday evening, when the four men lured him to a vacant lot opposite the New Royal Hotel in Bubbling Well Road and attempted to force him to drink a bottle of castor oil as punishment for an alleged anti-Italian editorial which, they said, had appeared in the "China Press" on Wednesday and for which they held Mr. Leonoff responsible.

When Mr. Leonoff refused to comply with their demand, the four men attacked him with clenched fists, while one of them picked up a brick and hit him several times before the others ordered him to stop. The assailants then advised Mr. Leonoff not to report the case to the police. Their warning was disregarded by the victim, who reported the case to the Bubbling Well station and then filed the complaint with the Consular Judge.

Americans To Observe Memorial Day

Americans in Shanghai will gather, as in years past, at Bubbling Well Cemetery on Friday at 8.30 o'clock, for the national observance of Memorial Day, the one occasion during the year when Americans pay their respects to the nation's honoured dead. The Service will be brief, and should terminate at 9 o'clock, or shortly thereafter.

On this occasion, as is customary, the American Consul-General, Mr. Frank P. Lockhart, will preside. According to the programme which is now being arranged, the Invocation will be given by Bishop Ralph Ward. This will be followed by the special Memorial Day address, which this year will be made by Chaplain Trump of the Fourth U.S. Marines. There will be music suitable for the occasion by the Fourth Marine Band, and the Benediction will be pronounced by Dr. R. J. McMullen, Chairman of the American Association, under whose auspices the service are being arranged. Mr. L. C. Perry is in charge of the arrangements.

The services will conclude with volleys by the American Company, S.V.C., Taps by a contingent of American bluejackets, and the National anthem by the Marine Band.

It is expected that the American Community will turn out en masse for this National Service, and there will be present contingents from the American Navy, the American Marines, the American units of the S.V.C., as well as groups from American civil organizations.

The Memorial Day service is open to all, and all Americans and friends are invited.

More Kashmir Troops Offered for Service

Simla, May 24.

The Maharaja of Kashmir, who has already four units of State forces serving outside the State, has offered a fifth unit for service.—Reuter.

New Chinese Paper To Appear In Manila

Manila, May 24.

A new Chinese language morning paper, backed by a group of wealthy pro-Chungking Chinese, will make its first appearance here on June 1. It will be known as the "Sun Yat-sen Times." The editor will be Mr. Pao Shih-tien, formerly managing editor of the "New China Herald," old Kuomintang organ, and the general manager will be Mr. T. C. Hsieh, formerly publisher and general manager of the "Herald." Both are Chungking officials, being directors of the Chinese Foreign Relations Association in Manila.

The backers of the new enterprise are reported to include Wang Chuan-seng, a standing member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang;

It is understood that although losing two members of its management, the "New China Herald" will continue to function as usual. It is stated that two Chinese are arriving shortly from Hongkong to take over from Messrs. Pao and Hsieh.—Reuter.

Japanese Population in China Increases

Tokyo, May 24.

Japanese residents in North, Central and South China on April 1 this year numbered more than 506,000, which is 59 times the Japanese population in China at the time of the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities four years ago, when it numbered over 86,000, according to figures released by the Foreign Office today.—Domei.

More Communal Riots In Bombay

Bombay, May 24.

Rioting between Moslems and Hindus was resumed here yesterday, when the police were again compelled to fire on the mob. Rioting broke out on Thursday night, and the police opened fire at one point.

Up to yesterday morning nine people were known to have been killed and 75 injured. Curfew has been imposed from 7.30 p.m. to 6.30 a.m.—Reuter.

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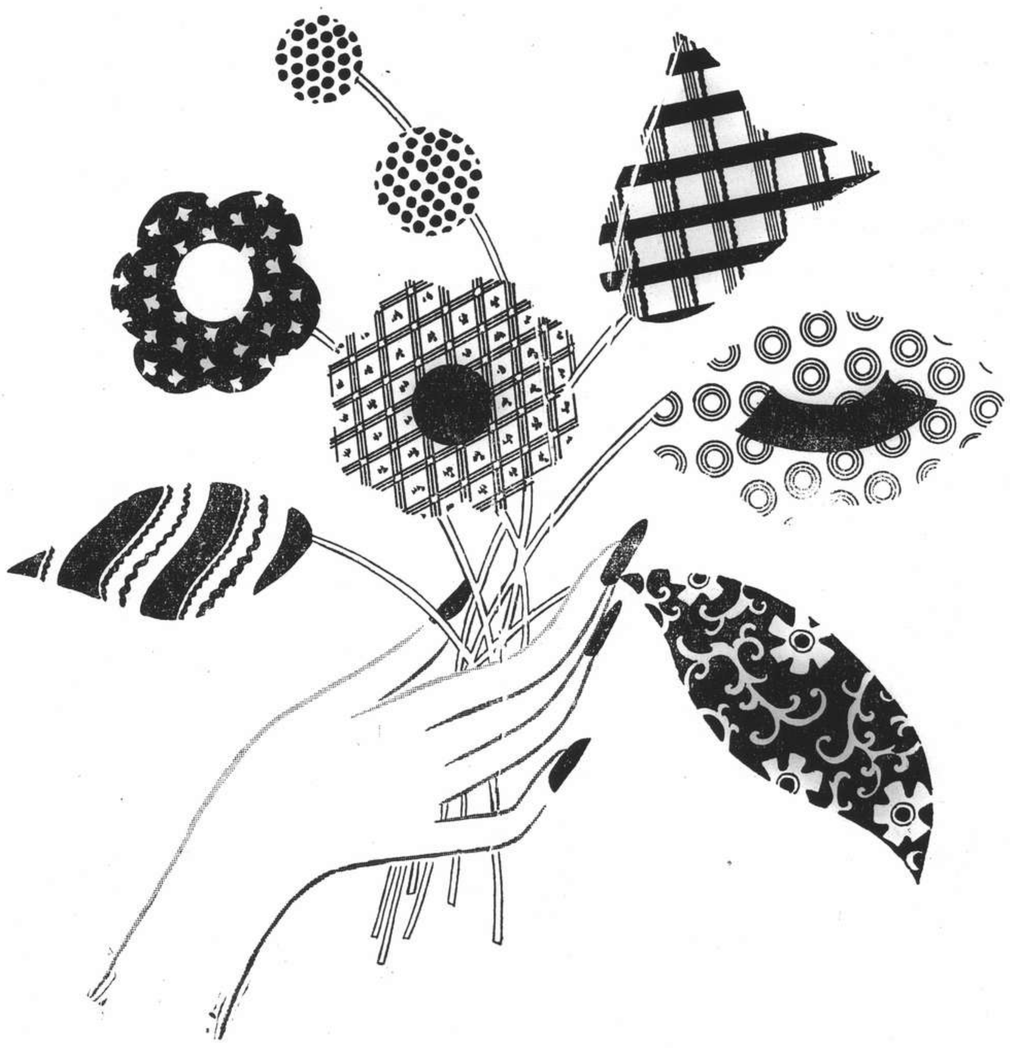

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PASSING SHOW NEWS AND NOTES

"I Was an Adventuress"

Zorina with Richard Greene, is starred at the Cathay today.

"Florian." — A romantic drama of the fall of the Hapsburg dynasty in Austria following the World War, co-starring Robert Young, recently seen to advantage in "Northwest Passage," and Helen Gilbert, beautiful new film discovery. Others in the cast include Lee Bowman and Irina Baranova. Coming to the **ROXY.**

"Murder Over New York."—Scotland Yard invites Charlie Chan to assist in the solution of the case of the Stratosphere Bomber. Excitement mounts as daring criminals defy the famous Chinese sleuth and kill right under his nose. The denouement is as logical as it is thrilling. With Sidney Toler, Marjore Weaver, Robert Lowry, Ricardo Cortez, Donald MacBride, Melville Cooper, John Valerie, Kane Richmond and Sen Yung. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"The Invisible Woman."—The entertaining story of an eccentric scientist who invents a machine that renders human beings invisible and of the delirious happenings that follow when a lovely girl allows herself to be experimented upon. With Virginia Bruce, John Barrymore, John Howard, Charlie Ruggles and Oscar Homolka. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"East of the River."—A moving drama of life on New York's East Side, built round a hard-hitting, soft-hearted old lady who runs a restaurant, her tough son who wants to live without working and a girl who gets tired of always "taking it on the lam." With John Garfield, Brenda Marshall, Marjorie Rambeau and George Tobias. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

Current Films

GRAND—"Christmas in July."—Fun that runs the gamut from heartwarming human comedy to hilarious slapstick, built round an acute attack of sloganitis, a practical joke that backfires and the merry misadventures of a boy and girl in love. Starring Dick Powell and Ellen Drew, with Raymond Walburn, William Demarest and Ernest Truex. Reviewed yesterday.

NANKING.—"A Girl, a Guy and a Gob."—Harold Lloyd, producer of this highly hilarious love triangle provides just the same swift-action, laugh-packed, clean comedy that won him fame and fortune as a star. With George Murphy, Lucille Ball, Edmond O'Brien, Henry Travers and Franklin Pangborn. Reviewed yesterday.

ROXY.—"Go West."—Go westward with the mad Marx-men, out "where men is men and wimmen love like wildcats." It's all scream-lined, streamlined big-time fun with more cuties, more howls and more hit songs than ever before.

CATHAY.—"I Was an Adventuress."—Set against a series of smart continental backgrounds, this colourful tale of international jewel thieves becomes exciting drama when the lovely decoy falls for the man she is out to despoil. Starring Zorina, with Richard Greene, Erich Von Stroheim, Peter Lorre, Sig Rumann and Fritz Feld.

"A Girl, a Guy and a Gob"

Lucille Ball has a fine role on the Nanking Theatre screen.

"Christmas in July"

With Dick Powell, Ellen Drew is co-starred at the Grand.

METROPOL.—"Sea Hawk."—Colourful, romantic thrilling adventure on the Spanish Main in the days of good Queen Bess, with the British Bulldog showing his teeth to a vastly stronger foe in a story packed with daring deeds, gripping suspense, Court intrigue, tender romance. Starring Errol Flynn, with Brenda Marshall, Claude Rains, Donald Crisp, Flora Robson and Alan Hale.

CAPITOL.—"The Mark of Zorro."—Action-packed romance of 1820 California, in which a dashing masked swordsman battles with grasping officialdom. With Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Basil Rathbone and J. Edward Bromberg.

DOUMER.—"Primrose Path."—Ginger Rogers, the Academy Award Winner, made her name as a dramatic actress in this film, a daring treatment of a delicate subject. Joel McCrea is co-starred.

GOLDEN GATE.—"Another Thin Man."—William Powell and Myrna Loy co-star again in the popular detective story as Nick Charles and Nora, his wife.

Films Coming

"Cafe Hostess."—Rips the evil of secrecy from America's notorious clip joints and tell the exciting story of a sailor lad on shore leave who breaks up a vice ring and gets his girl. With Preston Foster, Ann Dvorak, Douglas Fowley, Wynne Gibson, Arthur Loft and Eddie Acuff. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

"Western Union."—Beautiful technicolour highlights this thrilling adventure romance of the daring band of pioneers who first strung telegraph poles across the unconquered West. With Robert Young, Virginia Gilmore, Randolph Scott, Dean Jagger, John Carradine, Slim Summerville, Barton MacLane and a cast of many hundreds. Coming to the **GRAND** and **METROPOL.**

To Dine and Dance

ARGENTINA.—Night Club. George Roth and his orchestra,—Francesca—Nikitina and Svetlanoff. Nick.

ARIZONA.—Night Club. Sandor Stern—Rogers Sisters and Dorothy Moore.

BALALAIKA.—Ladies orchestra. Floor show. Dimoff—Lila Verni.

BOLERO.—Night club. K. James and Guy Roberts.

CASANOVA.—Gloria Andico's orchestra. Anatole and Olympe.

CATHAY HOTEL LOUNGE.—Morning and afternoon tea and cocktails. Tea concerts.

CATHAY RESTAURANT.—8th floor.

COSMO CLUB. — Morris orchestra. Dorothy Baker. Volsky's Follies.

D. D.'s NIGHT CLUB.—Russian and foreign style cuisine. Tino's orchestra.

FARREN'S. — Farren's Music-makers. Sally, Manuela and the Galrae Sisters. —Kulpa Trio.

JESSFIELD.—Night club. Teddy and Ferry Guzza—also Havsky.

MAXIM.—Night club. Lazarus and his orchestra.

METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.

PARAMOUNT. — Cabaret. Tony Diaz's swing orchestra.

PARK HOTEL.—Dancing nightly. Sunday and Thursday tea dances. Itkis' Orchestra. Aby and Emerico—Marryfield and Sanders.

"Go West"

The Marx Brothers and Diana Lewis entertain at the Roxy.

ROXY.—Night club. Harry Fisher's swing band. Fobau—Dinah.

TOWER.—Night club. Tower orchestra. Mlle. Claudette. Nightly excepting Sunday.

"Cafe Hostess"

This comedy with music, starring Preston Foster, with support from Ann Dvorak and Wynne Gibson, comes soon to the Metropol.

Rainy Weather Pictures

Snapshot Guild

Rainy weather brings its own picture opportunities, and there's no need to fold up your camera and tuck it away when the water comes showering down. Rather, you should have the camera out and keep it doubly busy.

Rain brings you reflections on the wet streets—a misty quality in the air that lends interest to scenes about town—and a chance for many human-interest shots. Pictures of people hurrying along under umbrellas—window-shopping in streaming raincoats—these are interesting additions to the album simply because they're so rare.

Rain also brings you many an interesting "detail" shot—such as the spurting gutter-spout, or the wet umbrella and overshoes in the hall, in a small puddle of their own making. Such snaps can be both interesting and pictorial. And what about outdoor scenes, taken through a streaming or rain-spattered window? Just focus sharply on the window itself, and if the scene beyond is a bit out of focus, so much the better—it will have more of a genuine rainy-day feeling.

If it's a rainy afternoon, the children will be at home. Seize this opportunity for those indoor shots that need a daylight effect. The rainy-day light is soft—not harsh like direct sun. Supplement it with the photo lights that you use for night shots, and you'll obtain delightful pictures—Billy at a window, with ball and catcher's mitt, peering out at the wet landscape; Betty with her paper dolls on the window-seat. You'll like the quality of these "indoor-daylight" pictures.

Senhora Burlamaqui Mee

Who plays for sweet charity next Friday.

The purpose of using the photo lights is just to brighten up the shadow side of your subject. The proper film is a high-speed type, such as you use for night snapshots. This film is also best for outdoor shots on a rainy day—it's faster, and so you can make snapshot exposures despite the weaker light.

Don't fret about rainy days. Take advantage of them. They bring you picture opportunities that are novel—interesting—and lend variety to your album.

Farren's Floor Show

Under the able direction of Otto Joachim, who has an enviable reputation among local conductors, the orchestra at Farren's continues, according to patrons, one of the most enjoyable and pleasing in port.

With the change of programme on Friday and which was enthusiastically received last night, was noted the reappearance of the Kulpa Sisters, whose acrobatic and character dances have won them acclaim throughout north China. Two of them presented an Oriental turn, a solo by Kitty and the trio did a fine acrobatic waltz. They are the personality plus girls of Shanghai night clubs.

Manuela executed a sparkling Spanish number and later in the evening delighted with her "Tabu," costumed in Indo-Chinese dress. The Galrae Sisters sing six numbers nightly, accompanied at the microphone by two violinists or other members of the band. Patrons may expect another new team soon at the house of surprises.

At the Tower

The popularity of the Tower, where the cooling breezes blow in from over the river, continues and much of it may be said to be due to the versatility of two feminine entertainers, namely, Mlle Claudette and Edith Grey. The former is a vocalist of grand opera type and she reaches the high registers with ease. She also does dance turns. Miss Grey has an engaging voice and a "mike" personality and responds to patrons' desires with a nod and a croon. Ruff, leader of the band, similarly willingly dashes off a "request" without hesitation, his boys joining in the melody.

Roy Del Ruth's first assignment under his new contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will be to direct "The Chocolate Soldier," famous Oscar Strauss operetta, which will provide Nelson Eddy with his first starring vehicle since his return from his national concert tour. Eddy will be teamed with Rise Stephens, sensational young operatic discovery of the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

CONTRACT

By Albert H. Morehead

At the recent Philadelphia tournament over-enthusiastic use of the hold-up play caused every declarer except one to go down on the following hand. Mrs. R. C. Young was the only player who succeeded in making a no-trump game.

NORTH: ♠ A K 6 ♡ 10 6 3 ◇ K 6 3 ♣ Q J 9 2

WEST: ♠ Q J 8 4 3 ♡ 9 8 5 ◇ J 8 2 ♣ 8 5

EAST: ♠ 9 7 2 ♡ K Q J 2 ◇ A Q 7 5 ♣ 10 7

SOUTH: ♠ 10 5 ♡ A 7 4 ◇ 10 9 4 ♣ A K 6 4 3

Both sides were vulnerable and the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 Club	Pass	3 Clubs
Pass	3 No trump	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Some East players bid one heart or doubled the one-club bid, but the final contract was usually the same and a heart was invariably opened. East was permitted by most declarers to win the first two heart tricks, after which dummy won a third heart lead with the ace. Declarer could then take five club tricks and two spades, but after that a diamond had to be led, giving East two more diamond tricks and one more heart trick to defeat the contract.

When Mrs. Young played the hand she held off on the first heart lead but won the second, keeping one heart in both her hand and dummy's. She then ran five club tricks, on which East discarded her two low diamonds and one of her low spades. Mrs. Young then cashed the ace and king of spades and led the low heart which she had so carefully saved. East won the trick and another heart, but then had to lead a diamond from the A-Q, causing North to win a trick with the diamond king and thereby make the contract.

• When Other Bidders Erred

On the following hand tournament experts proved inaccurate in their choice of a final contract and out of nearly 20 pairs Jack Weisman and Herbert Goldsmith of New York were the only ones who reached the makable game contract in spades.

NORTH: ♠ J 6 ♡ 9 8 3 ◇ A Q J 9 2 ♣ A 7 2

WEST: ♠ 10 3 ♡ A 10 5 4 2 ◇ 6 5 4 ♣ K 8 4

EAST: ♠ A 7 5 4 ♡ J 6 ◇ 10 3 ♣ Q J 10 6 5

SOUTH: ♠ K Q 9 8 2 ♡ K Q 7 ◇ K 8 7 ♣ 9 3

East-West were vulnerable. The bidding was:

North	East	South	West
1 Diamond	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
1 No trump	Pass	3 Spades	Pass
4 Spades	Pass	Pass	Pass

Every pair that reached three no trump on the North-South cards went down. If South was the declarer, West opened the heart, four and East played the jack. If South won, East would later get in with the spade ace and West would then get four heart tricks. If South held up on the first heart trick, East could defeat the contract by switching to a club. Usually North was the declarer at three no trump and the club opening by East caused the contract to go down two.

At the four-spade contract South had no difficulty. West made the best opening lead, a low club, but the drop of the spade ten on the second trump trick caused South to lose only one spade, one heart and one club. In addition to the fall of the spade ten South had the additional chance that the suit would be divided 3—3, or that a club would not be opened.

After the following bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 Spade	Pass	2 Clubs	Pass
3 Spades	Pass		

what should North do, holding

(1) ♠ 10 6 ♡ 9 ◇ 7 6 5 3 ♣ A Q 9 8 6 4 ?

(2) ♠ 10 6 ♡ Q J 8 ◇ K 7 3 ♣ A 10 6 5 2 ?

(3) ♠ 8 7 5 3 ♡ A ◇ Q J 6 ♣ A Q 9 8 2 ?

Answers

(1) Four spades. The two trumps are sufficient support, and the singleton offers hope of winning an extra trick by trumping. A club rebid would imply a stronger holding.

(2) Four spades. The hand is not quite strong enough for a slam try, while the bid of three no trump, usually made on such a hand, is pointless because a spade contract is likely to be safer than a no-trump contract.

(3) Either a slam-bidding convention, of the partnership is using one, or an immediate jump to six spades is proper. The usual response on such a hand, five spades, is a distinct underbid.

"One Night in Lisbon"

Paramount is about to remake "There's Always Juliet" with a new title. The film version will be called "One Night in Lisbon" and the part of the very juvenile heroine will be played by Madeleine Carroll. There will be one decided link with the London production in the person of Dame May Whitty who played the part of Florence, the housekeeper in the original production and will again play the same part on the screen. Dame May has already made some notable film successes, the most memorable being in "Night Must Fall."

Remarkable Author

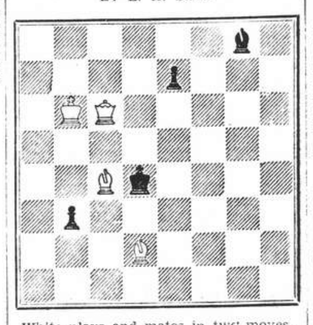
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has purchased "Mama's Angel," an original story for the screen by Angna Enters. Miss Enters is one of the most interesting personalities in the entertainment world, and one of the most versatile. It is difficult to say in which of her manifestations she has earned the greatest fame; as a dramatic dancer, author or painter.

At present Miss Enters is having an exhibition of oil paintings which include a number of self-portraits, in New York. As a dancer and a painter she is known in London where she gave several recitals and where an exhibition of her pictures was held some six or seven years ago. Miss Enters is Swedish by extraction.

CHESS

PROBLEM No. 265

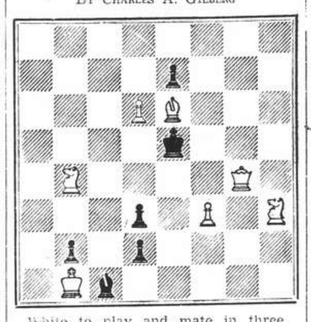
By E. H. Shaw



White plays and mates in two moves.

PROBLEM No. 006

By Charles A. Gilberg



White to play and mate in three (First Prize, Danbury New Tourney, 1931.)

The following submitted correct solutions to Prob. No. 004: E.A.P.

Congress at Buenos Aires

INDIAN DEFENCE

	White	Black
K.	Opocensky	J. R. Capablanca
1.	P — Q4	Kt — KB3
2.	P — QB4	P — K3
3.	Kt — KB3	P — QKt3
4.	P — KKt3	B — Kt2
5.	B — Kt2	B — Kt5ch
6.	QKt — Q2 (a)	P — B4
7.	Castles	P × P
8.	Q — R4 (b)	Kt — B3
9.	Kt — Kt3	B — B4
10.	B — Kt5 (c)	Q — B2 (d)
11.	B × Kt	P × B
12.	QR — Q sq	P — K4
13.	Kt × B	P × Kt
14.	Kt — R4	Kt — K2
15.	P — K3	B × B
16.	Kt × B	R — QKt sq
17.	Q — R3	Q — Kt3
18.	P — Kt3	Q — Kt5
19.	Q — B sq (e)	P — Q4
20.	P — B4	P — K5
21.	KP × P	BP × P
22.	P — KB5 (f)	P — Q6
23.	R — B4	Q — Kt3ch
24.	K — R sq	Q — Q5
25.	Q — K3 (g)	Q — K4
26.	Q × R P (h)	Castles
27.	Kt — K3	R — Rsq
28.	Q — B5	P — Q5
29.	Q × Q	P × Q
30.	R × KP	P × Kt
31.	R × P (K3)	P — B3
32.	P — KKt4	R × P
33.	R (K3) × QP	Kt — B3
34.	P — R4	Kt — Q5
35.	R (Q sq) — Q2	R × R
36.	R × R	Kt × KtP
37.	R — Q6	Kt — Q5
38.	K — Kt2	P — R4
39.	P — Kt5	Kt × P
40.	R — B6	Kt × Pch
	Resigns	

(a) B — Q2 is more frequently played.

(b) An enterprising sacrifice of a pawn 8 Kt × P, B × B; 9. K × B leads to some simplification which Opocensky, who is an attacking player, wishes to avoid.

(c) An interesting variation here is 10. QKt × P, B × Kt; 11. Kt × B, Kt × Kt; 12 B × B, Kt × Pch; 13. R — R sq, Kt × B; 14. QR × Kt (not B × R because of Q × Bch), R — Kt sq. The text-move is better than 10. QKt × P, but 10. R — Q sq, seems even stronger.

(d) Black allows the breaking-up of his King's side and the weakening of his KB3 and KB4 in order to be able to play P — K4 to support his Queen's pawn.

(e) If 19 Q × P, then 19. .... Kt — B3; 20. Q — R6, Castles, threatening 21. .....R — R sq.

(f) Here Opocensky misses his way. Presumably he thought that after 22. R × P, Q — B4 (if Q — Kt3, then P — QB5); 23. Q — K3, Kt — B4 he would lose his Rook. He must have overlooked that he would have had the reply 24. R × Pch, winning Black's Queen.

(g) An inferior move. He should, instead, play 25. P × P followed, if 25. ....Q × P, by 26. Q — K3, or, if 25....Kt × QP, by 26. R × Pch, Q × R; 27. R — K sq, Q × R.ch; 28. Q × Qch, K — B sq; 29. Q — K4, Kt — Kt5; 30. Q — Q4 with an attack. After the text-move Black gets the upper hand.

(h) Not P × P because then Kt × Q. P. wins the exchange.—"Field"

Hollywood Problems Of Production

Star talent is very rarely found these days among the extras and bit players, writes Hubbard Keavy to an American syndicate. The Hollywood caste system is responsible. In the old days, before movie stars were regarded as and acted like royalty, many players who became stars were pulled right out of the extra ranks.

In the Hollywood system, extras are at the bottom of the social scale. Bit players—those who speak an occasional line for $25—are a step up. Actors who work by the week, the $200 to $500 people, are a notch higher socially. Character players, whose usual guarantee is three weeks—at $1,000 per week up—are just below the stars.

A mouse may look at a queen, but he can't speak. He can't speak because he freezes up. That mouse, who hopes some day a director will notice him and start him on the way to stardom, is timid and self-conscious in the presence of a star. I've seen extras, asked to do a simple piece of business or say a line in a scene with a star, become as nervous and jittery as a high school girl meeting Clark Gable.

The trouble with them, says Lewis Milestone, is that they lack self-confidence. In his 20 years as a director, Milestone often has tried to save time and also do some extra a favour by boosting one into a bit. But generally, he says, he was obliged to hire a player with experience because the extra couldn't unfreeze.

Milestone had some freezing trouble when he made "Lucky Partners." For his second man, to play opposite Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman, the director chose a bit player, Jack Carson is his name.

Ginger sniffed and said, "Oh, a bit player," says Milestone. She was anticipating the difficulties of working with a beginner. Milestone was insistent and, for the first two weeks, he was afraid he had made a mistake. Carson was scared stiff when he had dialogue with Rogers or Colman. He couldn't unbend. He was awkward. But Milestone worked on Carson.

"Every time he went into a scene," Milestone related, "I'd say, 'Get in there and pitch. They're no better than you are. Steal that scene.' Finally he got the hang of it. He acquired confidence."

Barbara Stanwyck's Next

Barbara Stanwyck is certainly very versatile. In "The Lady Eve," which she has just made with Paramount, she appears as young, and unquestionably, glamorous. In "Pioneer Woman," her next picture for the same company, she will be made up as a woman of 109 years. Still robust she is looking back on her life's story in the telling of which she will keep the make-up man very busy.

For she will start life as a girl and appear in four other periods of her adventures, each period needing an intricate make-up, for which Wally Westmore, head of the studio make-up department, will be reponsible. It will be remembered that Miss Stanwyck was aged about 50 in "Stella Dallas" some years ago. Her 109 years exceeds the 80 years of Robert Donat in "Good-Bye Mr. Chips" and Spencer Tracy's 82 years in "Edison the Man." In "Pioneer Woman," Barbara Stanwyck's co-star, Joel McCrea, will appear as aged 80.

Charles Laughton As Comedian

Those who remember Charles Laughton in "Ruggles of Red Gap" must have been longing over since to see him once again in comedy. But Laughton, who has a real and strong comic gift, has also a penchant for the macabre and horrible. Hollywood has evidently made up its mind that, on the whole, it will exploit the sinister vein.

Laughton's function, like that of the Fat Boy in "Pickwick," has been to make your flesh creep. Of course, there have been exceptions and one of them was the English picture, "Vessel of Wrath" with his wife, Elsa Lanchester. The climax of the horrible was recently in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." This pleased few.

So now comes the news that Laughton's next picture in Hollywood will be a comedy. Its title is "Almost an Angel." It will be made in the Universal Studios under the auspices of Joe Pasternak and Henry Koster, who jointly discovered and developed Deanna Durbin.

Spiritualism Film

Pyramid Pictures, a new British producing company, has chosen a rather unusual screen subject for its first production entitled "Spellbound." The subject was held to be so controversial by the licensing authorities that the film was nearly banned. It deals with the experiences of a young man who attends seances in the effort to get in touch with his dead sweetheart.

He is driven nearly mad by an evil spirit which has entered him while his psychic condition makes such an entry possible. There is a foreword to the picture, spoken by Hannen Swaffer, journalist and spiritualist, who declares that no one is known to have been driven mad through the practice of spiritualism. The picture is remarkable for exceptionally good acting. In the cast are two newcomers. Derek Farr, who plays the bereaved young man and Vera Lindsay, who plays the part of a girl whom the young man might have married. Both of these young players should have important futures.

Music in a Big Way

It is almost idle to say that Hollywood is out for any one particular fashion in films. Recently, Paramount announced an intention to concentrate on comedy and gave examples in a schedule of pictures, either just completed or in construction. Warner Brothers are putting quite a lot of money into musicales and, it is rumoured, have decided to spend at least £300,000 on "Navy Blues," with Jack Haley, Jack Oakie and Eddie Albert in the cast and music by Cole Porter.

From the same studio will come "Carnival in Rio," another musicale, starring George Raft, Dennis Morgan and Brenda Marshall. Twentieth Century Fox, who spent £250,000 on "Tin Pan Alley," will probably be encouraged by its success to further adventures in the same direction.

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In Other Words It's Burnt

WIFE: "Dear, why do you occasionally wrap up what's left of your toast and carry it off?"

Artist: "Why, I do some of my best charcoal sketches with it."

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Thirteenth is Toomuch

ROBERT Rollain, of Buffalo, New York State, recently announced that his 13th child, will be named "Toomuch." His previous child, born last year, was named "Enough."

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Adequate Identification

SENTRY: "Halt! Who's there?"

Voice: "American."

Sentry: "Advance and recite the second verse of the 'Star Spangled Banner'."

Voice: "I don't know it."

Sentry: "Proceed, American."

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Too Little

AN explosive colonel called at an office the other day on business, and was received by the office boy, who kept him waiting.

"Can I see someone with a little authority," bawled the colonel.

"Well, sir, how will I do?" answered the boy. "I have as little as anybody here."

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Happy Group

HAVE you heard the story of the three little girls sent out of London who found a new home at a farmhouse? They asked to be allowed to share the same room. Their hostess agreed, and one of the girls wrote home jubilantly:

"We have dogs and calves and horses and pigs and cows and chickens and we all sleep in the same room."

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Getting Involved

The teacher sought to impress on her young pupils the fact that things could not be subtracted from one another unless they were of the same denomination. "For example," she continued, "we cannot take five apples from six bananas."

Then the young genius spoke up. There is always at least one in every classroom. He said: "But can't we take five apples from three trees?"

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Eetty's Observations

Little Betty, returning from school one afternoon, said: "Johnny Wilson's examination papers were so good that teacher keeps them on her desk to show visitors."

Asked about her own, she had to confess that they weren't good.

"But why aren't yours as good as Johnny's?" her mother asked. "You have the same opportunities."

"I know, mother," said Betty, "but Johnny Wilson comes from a very bright family."

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To the Rescue

DR. Bronson Ray, a brain surgeon of considerable repute, was walking in the Park one afternoon when a little boy on a scooter ran into a tree and sustained a pretty severe scalp wound. Dr. Ray dispatched one of the bystanders to call an ambulance and was administering first aid when a lad only a couple of years older than the victim pushed his way through the crowd. "I'm a Boy Scout," he said to the Doctor. "You go along, sir, and I'll take over."

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Ginger Cat's Letter

MY DEAR SON,

SOON you will be leaving your old home for a new one, with new people, new sheltered corners by the fire, new and exciting smells of mice grown careless in a catless house, and of old furniture mellowed by time and made cosy by long use and happy associations.

As all kittens are attractive I daresay the people in the house will make a great fuss of you. The women will get excited and squeak a lot and snatch you from the floor and hold you tight till you can hardly breathe. This sudden snatching from the floor, as you have probably found out already, is hard to bear, because the upward rush makes you feel dizzy and the big, heavy-handed girls don't know their own strength.

I have often wondered how they would like to be grabbed by a giant when they were powdering their noses and whirled through the air. In these trying circumstances it is advisable to keep your temper, though if they maul you too much a scratch or two won't do them any harm.

When the excitement has died down and you have had your saucer of warm milk (you won't get any butter on your paws these days), it's not a bad idea to go over the house, searching all cupboards for mouse holes, trying out the softest beds, memorizing chairs in quiet rooms and noting all exits. A visit to the kitchen is essential, though I doubt, if I have to tell a son of mine that.

The next thing to consider is your attitude towards the people in the house.

Don't think I am trying to advise you about this. All cats have a natural dignity, and I know you will never make yourself cheap. But some times kittens are impulsive and are apt to rub themselves against the legs of the wrong people.

You will find as you grow older that those who make the greatest fuss about you are not always your best friends. Hysterical people are never to be trusted. When they are tired of you as a novelty they might even forget to put out your dinner.

Therefore a wise kitten will stand aloof from all those who call him "pretty pussy" and "kitty, kitty, kitty," and play with him when he is in no mood for playing. They probably mean well. All bores do. But the one to watch for is the one who, like a cat, also stands aloof and waits to be approached.

In him (and it's usually a "him") you will find a true companion, one who will never tire of throwing the ping-pong ball or pretending there is a mouse under a sheet of newspaper. He is also the one who will never forget you when the milk is poured out at tea time and who will often bring you home titbits from the city.

If you are fortunate enough to meet such a man, my son, you could do no better for your future prospects than to win his affections. He is one who understands cats and such people are rare.

But there I go offering you advice when I never intended to. Sometimes it's difficult not to advise the young.

Wishing you all happiness in your new home.

I remain
Your affectionate father,
THE GINGER CAT.

—Exchange

Lamaland Also Feels Pinch Of High Costs of Living

BY TIBETAN

Tachienlu, Apr. 27.

YESTERDAY a cherry woman at the back door asked $4.50 for one catty of cherries. This luxury on the border has always been expensive to begin with and some dayys ago people on the street were giving as much as $8 per catty. The cherries have now come down to $2 but even at that they are a most expensive item on the menu as those who sell them include the cherry stalks which even missionaries refuse to eat. Cherries picked and cleaned up and with something of a shine on them are sold at $3.

The cherry season on the frontier is very short, lasting for only one month, so this may in some way account for this high-priced article, Money is no embarrassment to the children in Tachienlu. To begin with the cherries were selling at 40 cents an ounce. The school boy going to the school would buy an ounce and coming from the school would buy another ounce and sometimes he came and went to school several times each day. The price of cherries in no way deterred the children from consuming all they wanted; and Tachienlu seems to have a surplus of dollar notes.

The cherries are a welcome change on the frontier. They come from Zamka and below so are carried two or three days and this no doubt helps to raise the price. Another thing which may do so: the cherries at the east gate pass from carriers to street vendors who aim at making 100 per cent. on the transaction; moreover the vendors being ordinary simple people enjoy the chrries as much as those who buy them.

Coming along the street one day we saw a crowd gathered round a seller of oranges. Asking the price we were politely told $2.50 per orange. Yet people seemed to be buying them and the orange seller was surrounded by a mob people. No was surrounded by a mob people. fruit being grown locally this has always been an expensive item on the border. Raisins may be had at $20 and $30 per catty as they come all the way from oases in the Tarim Basin or even from distant Kashgar. The yak carries them over the high Asiatic steppes, lives on Tibetan grass, so costs its owner practically nothing. Sweet-shops on the street simply must have raisins even if they cost $100 per catty.

Willing to Pay Price

A peculiar characteristic of Tachienlu is that it is neither afraid nor ashamed to pay for its necessaries or pleasures. In other parts of the Republic the price of a thing might take a person's breath ayay; we have not yet reached that paralyzing condition on the Tigetan frontier. Children going to school carry dollar notes in their pockets and if an orange costs $7 why worry? There are more dollar notes than oranges.

Rice is now over $60 for 30 catties; cornmeal, the staple food of the poorer people, is $1 per catty; pork fat is $8 sugar crystal is $6; cured pork is $5; flour is $2; potatoes are 40 cents per catty; when the green peas first appeared on the scene they were $8 per catty and people in no way seemed to worry about buying two or three catties, apparently acting on the principle that their might be no peas in heaven or hell "so let's have them now."

Lentils are $6 per catty and dry beans and peas are not far behind. Fresh pork, beef, mutton and vension are enjoying soaring prices but are still low compared with chickens. Innocently we once asked our servant to price what looked like a nice bird: $8 per catty replied the chicken vendor; how much does it weigh? Two and a half catties. It looks like rain I think I must hurry home!

Clothing Very Expensive

Foreign and native cloth are now almost impossible on the street. We have a very fine Tibetan woollen material that comes from the interior. Its price used to be$1 a full stretch from finger to finger, about six feet if the prospective buyer stuck out his chest. Ten national currency paper dollars only smile now at this chest movement and the woollen material will only relax when the dollars number twenty. To suggest that the price of things is now very high is only inviting trouble. Further if you don't buy then some other body will. The Chinese merchant, one of the most amiable human beings on God's earth, now refuses to talk price. The market value has become fixed: take it or leave it.

Naturally the price of labour has followed food-stuffs or the price of food-stuffs has follower labour, or they may be following each other. The price for a two-man chair, known as a *huagan*, is $275 for the distance of eight days to Yachow. The fact that the new highway has greatly reduced the distance between the stages makes no difference. The new road has reduced the distance between this city and Wasi to fifteen miles and from Wasi to Zamka to fifteen miles yet they are both still reckoned as full stages and charged accordingly. A chair coolie now declares that he cannot live on less than $15 per day on the road. A carpeenter in the town now demands $5 or $6 per day and the day labour asks for $3.50.

Transport Charges Raised

We have in the town three tea carrying guilds which carry the tea from one Tibetan caravansery to another and sometimes to a point outside one of the city gates. Ten, twenty or fifty cents were asked for a load of tea or wool or salt; now one, two, or three dollare are demanded and paid. The woolly nomad and the red-robed lama and the wealthy *tsongba* have ways and means of getting their own back. Yak butter, like Scotch whisky, improves with age; the yak butter's improvement depending largely on its increase in rancidity. The nomad holds on to his goods then brings it down to town at $6 per catty. Why not? The present price of things is in no way dependent on supply and demand; moreover the fragrance of the oak butter is thrown in.

The local yak skinners guild is luxuriating in the present high prices. Miss Schwake is on her way to Batang, twenty days west of Tachienlu, and some days ago she had six boxes "skinned" at the fabulous price of $190 and the Tibetan skinner kindly informed me that if I hadn't been there the price would have been different and that $190 was rock bottom price. There are still some things that one can do oneself during this exhorbitant age and skinning boxes with terribly hard smelling yak hide is not one of them. The boxes shell for a week after they have been skinned.

An egg seller appeared at the back door one day and asked $1 for two eggs, stipulating that they were to be exempt from any testing; and as an encouragement he informed us that people all over the city were paying this price.

Post Offices Gives H.C.L. Grant

The C.P.O. has given very sympathetic consideration to its many employees along the frontier and has made grants wherever possible to all in the service. An allowance of rice or dzamba has been made or their equivalent in money and the wages of many on the staffs have been increased. Other things may cease to function but the C.P.O. must go on, sunshine or rain, rice or dzamba, the only drawback being that dzamba is usually eaten with yak butter tea and yak butter is not a favourite dish even with C.P.O. official.

Tachienlu occupies a some what peculiar position. Apart from very fine cabbages, potatoes, carrots and spinach, locally there is not much produced. Rice, cornmeal, eggs, pork, sugar, fat, beans, cloth, flour, fruit and tea are all imported from other places, many of them coming a distance of five and ten days, carried on the backs of coolies. Tachienlu is 9,000 feet above sea level so finds great difficulty in growing anything but vegetables.

Refugees Increase Burden

Unfortunately many refugees from the coastal provinces have been forced to find a shelter here on the frontier and this in some ways has greatly increased the cost of living. Many cities on the plain have no difficulty in meeting an increase of population; here on the border with practically all the food carried by coolie from other parts it is quite another question. Any many of those refugees are not finding their refuge here too comfortable with food commodities at their present soaring rates.

Further, Tachienlu is becoming quite an educational centre with hundreds of young students from other parts of Szechuan and Sikang. The majority of these young scholars hope to become teachers throughout Sikang and so Minimize part of their course here is an knowledge of the Tibetan language. Many of them are working hard at their studies but that does not in no way Minimize the fact that they are something of a burden on an already over burdened city.

Frequently communications break down then the young students in the schools feel the pinch. On one occasion the city was without rice; rtaher a serious situation. Cornmeal was eaten as well as Tibetan dzamba and potatoes but even these commodities were not standing up to the demand. The young scholars then went foraging every morning outside the east gate for food from home.

Rice Shortage No Problem

A shortage of rice in Tachienlu has never been a serious problem especially among the local people, as most of the normal residents enjoy flour, cornmeal or dzamba. The musk and silk merchants from Sian have at least one meal every day made up of scones, dzamba and butter tea, with a morning or evening meal of rice. There are, however, people in the town who can only eat rice and this commodity at over $60 for 30 catties creates some problem for 30 catties creates some problem. The average person will eat 30 catties of rice in one month.

In days gone by—the good old days—if rice was scarce in the east, then dzamba was plentiful in the west and the city was seldom under famine conditions. There was always food to eat. The price of dzamba has now become quite prohibitive to the ordinary inhabitant. Last year 20 rupees (local ones) would purchase 63 catties of dzamba, it is now well over $1 per catty and showing very little inclination to come down.

Firewood Quite a Luxury

Firewood is something of a luxury. Quite recently we paid $210 for 1,000 pieces of what is known as water-wood, that is wood carried down the river. Two years ago it was $30 per 1,000 pieces; and five years ago $15 for 1,000 pieces. Ordinary firing costs 10 cents per catty.

To entertain a friend in any of the local Chinese restaurants calls for a fairly stout cash book. Four small bowls of rice demand $2 to begin with and an average diner will consume five and six; then there is a little pork with a little vegetable and some seasoning and the bill soon reaches $7 and $8 per head, and more. Still the shops seem to be happy and busy. Such is life on the borders of the Land of the Lamas.

A movable platform, mounted on esteel plungers, was used by Cecil B. De Mille to put cameramen and other technicians through a "seasickness test" before signing them for his swashbuckling saga of sailing ships, "Reap the Wild Wind," most of which was filmed off the Florida Keys. The platform was built to simulate the heaving of a ship's deck in heavy weather.

Miaofengshan Fair Revived This Year

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Peiping, May 12.

Whether as a result of the recent peace and security intensification campaign or whether, as is more likely, as a result of certain financial negotiations, the famous spring fair and pilgrimage at Miaofengshan (Mysterious Peak Mountain) in the Western Hills was held again this year, after an interruption of three years. It was, however, but a shadow of its former self, as the number of visitors was very small compared to former times. Then, too, only one of the large group of temples still remains undamaged, the others having been destroyed by bombing in the early days of the hostilities in north China.

Up to quite recently the so-called "Reds" of the Eighth Route Army had held Miaofengshan. Even now the Japanese have not occupied the peak itself, which remains a kind of "neutral" territory. Their posts have not been advanced beyond the foot of the eastern slopes of the hills, while the Reds still occupy the western slopes. It looks, therefore, very much as if for a "consideration" the latter had withdrawn temporarily from Miaofengshan, in order to allow the fair to be held in peace.

Fair Easily Reached

This fair is well-known to foreign residents in Peiping, who used to visit it in large numbers, because it is fairly easily accessible and can be done in one day. One can get by car to the foot of the hills, and from there it is a climb of under four hours, either on one's feet or in a chair, to the temples at the top. In former times the route to the top was very picturesque and animated, with a continuous stream of pilgrims ascending and descending; the latter wearing coloured ribbons in their hats or red plush decorations on their jackets, as proof that they had performed the pilgrimage.

The chief, and more serious, purpose of the pilgrimage, as distinct from the general fun of the fair, was to burn incense before the Goddess of Mercy, Kuan Yin, whose main functions—at any rate at this particular temple—were to cure certain diseases and to send children to the childless.

Another great feature of the fair were the village musical societies—that is the only way I can describe them—who, combining art and pleasure, make the pilgrimage, giving musical performances at the innumerable tea-houses erected on the various routes, and, of course, at Miaofengshan itself.

Musical Instruments Taken

These societies form companies of a dozen men or so wearing yellow jackets and bearing slung on carrying-poles round bamboo boxes, which contain their food for the trip—a most important item—and their musical instruments. The boxes are decorated with small yellow flags and hung with dozens of small bells, which set up a musical jingle, at least to Chinese ears, which can be heard a long way off as the bearers jog-trot along. In the old days these picturesque and noisy bands were a common sight in Peiping about this time, as they made their way to and from the fair.

And the passage of the jangling bells would remind many a shop or other employee of a sick parent, to visit whom a couple of days' leave of absence was essential. For these fairs are in the blood of the Chinese. Like most peoples, they love to get together in a great crowd, to stare and be stared at. And that is really the chief attraction. Therefore, it can be safely predicted that, if and when north China returns to normal, with or without the help of the "new order," the temples at Miaofengshan are likely to be rebuilt and the pilgrimage restored to its former glory, and to continue so.

Another Interesting Temple

While I am speaking about burned temples, I might mention another interesting temple in the nearer Western Hills, that has suffered the same fate as the temples of Miaofengshan, in the course of the fighting. This is Tientaishan, better known to foreigners as the Mummy Temple.

It got this name from the gilded idol, a seated figure, which was supposed to be the mummy of the first Manchu Emperor Shun Chih who, according to legend, is said not to have died in the year, when he is officially reported to have died, but to have abdicated and become a monk in a temple in the Western Hills.

There does not seem to be any real evidence for the legend and, whether the idol was or was not a likeness of the emperor, it most certainly was not his mummy. In the first place, allowing for all possible shrinkage, the figure was much too small for that of a full-grown man, and anyhow, on repeated occasions when the priests were not looking, I have tapped it and felt it, and it was obviously nothing but gilded wood. I have written of the "mummy" in the past tense, because it no longer exists.

Burned by Japanese

Tientaishan was burned by the Japanese in the early days of the hostilities, because it was said to have housed Red units, and the idol together with the temple in which it was housed has disappeared. But that will not make any difference. When I last visited the ruined temple, I asked the solitary caretaker about the "mummy," when he promptly showed me another very poor and even smaller idol, which I remember had been in the temple in the old days, but which was certainly not the mummy idol.

I therefore venture to predict that in a few years time, when Tientaishan has been rebuilt, foreign tourists will be making picnics to the temple to see the "veritable mummy of the Emperor Shun Chih." And after all, why not? If you come to think of it, one mummy is as good as another, specially if it is gilded over.

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To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—At a few hours' interval I have read in your today's issue:—

> In private conversation Marshal Petain is said to have shown some pessimism and expressed the doubt whether the French people would accept his new policy.

and in today's "Noon Bulletin" a report of some "Anti-Darlan demonstrations in Beauvais."

The answer loudly given by the French population in Beauvais is eloquent enough and should put at rest any doubts the Marshal is reported to have expressed on the subject, if he ever had any. The matter might well be left at that, if other political points which recently turned up did not require some clarification in the minds of a good many expatriated Frenchmen.

In a recent radio message the Marshal asked all Frenchmen to follow him *"sur la route de l'honneur, jusqu'au bout."* The reason is, as usual, that entire unanimity and discipline of the French people is necessary if France is to be saved. The appeal, in its military brevity, is touching and there are no sacrifices that most Frenchmen have not made and are ready to make again to reach that goal, especially when the appeal comes from the old Marshal, to whom there are practically no Frenchmen refusing that respect due to his personality and past services.

I wonder what honour the old Marshal can possibly perceive on such a road and in such company even when it is invested with the pompous name of "collaboration," or even with the no less pompous but more misleading one of "New Order." Are the traitorous labours of all our "Quislings" what renders the road more honourable?

And "collaboration" at what price? That we are not allowed to know. The greatest discretion surrounds the .....dealings (add the epithet at your choice) of Messrs. Darlan, Otto Abetz, de Brinon and lesser lights in Paris. No discussion is permitted, no information, even neutral, is given or wanted. Maybe if we are "sages" we shall be allowed to see later on, to see the utter moral and economical degradation to which the French people will have been led, eyes covered, at the end of the road of the "New Order," degradation to screen which so many pains are taken at present.

Another point which also requires clarification for a good many of us is the following:—Recently German planes have used Syrian airports in the course of military operations against British troops. How is this made to agree with a previous declaration: "We are, in honour, bound not to fight against our ex-Allies?" I, like a good many others, understand that helping to fight is equivalent to fighting, otherwise there would have been in said declaration a reservation, a *distinquo* unworthy of the Marshal as we all know him. Or have the British naval attacks at Mers-el-Kebir and Dakar, the reputed anti-British sentiments of Admiral Darlan, cancelled this solemn promise? If so, why not proclaim it openly?

Why did the General High Commissioner in Syria, after having tried to pass the whole affair *sous silence*, advance the ridiculous excuse that "sixteen German planes, out of a number in transit over Syria, were compelled to make a forced landing?" In other times a functionary, however high his rank, not having more self-respect and courage than to utter such a shameful lie (I wanted to write "error," but let us be frank and call things by their names) would have been discharged immediately. Since he has not been, is it that he was acting "under order?"

That it was a lie was clearly shown by the subsequent explanation that "the terms of the armistice convention have granted the German Air Forces the use of all French airfields." This, no doubt, refers to terms in the same category as those concerning Alsace-Lorraine and the North Departments, terms which have never been published so far as I know. However, the airfields in question being situated in Syria, one would have thought that they were not included in the term "French airfields." If they were, what about all the other airfields in Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Senegal, and in fact all other French colonies and protectorates? No reason that they be not included also. Then I understand why some other countries, which had remained friendly to us even after our defeat, begin to open their eyes and act accordingly.

We Frenchmen are told, are given to understand, semi-officially if not officially, that if we behave well towards Germans (nothing said about Italy specially), in other words if we accept to "collaborate" without too much grumbling, France will be permitted to retain its colonial empire nearly intact, that is to say, minus only the ante-last-war German colonies, as the Cameroons, which are to be returned to the previous owners, the populations, of course, getting just as much consideration as cattle are used to.

On the other side we can read daily, in the German papers, elaborate reports of the opening of new colonial schools in German (I think three since last June, not counting one in Brussels) staffed with all kinds of *Herren Professoren*. These new schools, we are told, are organized and staffed with German thoroughness, with the best colonial experts to be found, and should be able to turn out a good many hundreds of new selected young administrators within as short a time as possible. Well, if our colonies are left to us, we would like to know which colonies these young administrators are going to administrate. The ex-British colonies, to be sure. But here I am afraid they are not taken as yet. Looking at Italian Somaliland (Abyssinia has now been restored to its rightful owners), it would seem that the "acquiring" business is going the other way, the wrong way, and that it is the British who are taking care of it. Or has a "deal" been struck between our Quislings and the Germans at the expense of smaller victims, Belgium and Holland, for instance? The French people refuse to be party to such dirty business to "save" their own colonies. It savours too much of robbing the feebler man.

Well, *pour revenir à nos moutons*, I mean coming back to our colonies, or more properly to the colonies which we will be permitted to retain, we have a glorious example under our very eyes, not so far from us, in Indochina and Tonkin. The colony is left to us, officially, for the present at least, about under the same conditions in which a snake does not devour its victim at a gulp, because he cannot conveniently do it. So we may retain, in a kind of semi-partnership, for so long as it will please the dominant partner, all expenses and troubles attached to the administration, but, on the condition only that most of the profits go into the dominant partners through "freely" (why not joyously?) subscribed so-called "commercial conventions." Yes, the same kind of free decision offered at midnight in a deserted street to the unarmed passenger by a gunman.

Before closing let me add that whatever may be said or thought of them, Hitler and his henchmen, be they still in Germany or sampling a breath of Scotch air in the hope that it may be more wholesome than the "home" brand, as Herr Hess is doing, have never been Quislings, they never were "quitters." They never, in the most sombre times, acknowledged defeat. They never thought that it was by bleating like sheep, with a kind of sadistic satisfaction, in season and out of season, *"Mais après tout, il ne faut pas oublier que nous avons été vaincus"* or in "collaboration" with their conquerors that they would and could reinstate Germany. In energy left only in Britain or in such occupied countries in Europe as Norway, Belgium, Holland, Greece, Czechoslovakia, Poland, whose populations, though subjugated momentarily, perfer to suffer the worst treatment rather than freely "collaborate?" Luckily we know that it is not so and that no amount of official leading" will be able to change French blood to water, even if the last drop of it has to be sacrificed. *Monsieur le Maréchal, c'est non, avec regrets pour votre personne, mais sans hésitation.*

A LORRAIN.

Shanghai, May 22.

Religion:

Reply to Mr. Sowerby

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—MR. ARTHUR DE C. SOWERBY's letter, reflecting his scientific "views" on religion, is extremely non-scientific both in its form and content.

1. Our Lord Jesus Christ has revealed through His perfection and Holy Will, that the will of the world is wicked, not perfect, corrupt.

2. A. DE C. SOWERBY admits that one has to sacrifice one's interests for the good of society. However, no man can sacrifice his will, the very depth of it, for a holy cause unless his will is holy by itself. In other words—no one can be holy or good in the perfect sense of the word unless he accepts Christ into his heart.

3. The fact that the world is floating in an ocean of evil is a perfect proof of the greater fact—that humanity's will is evil and has not yet been transfigured by the acceptance of Christ's will.

4. Science or knowledge as such have nothing to do with holiness or perfection of the will. $2 \times 2 = 4$ is equally true both in Christ and the Devil. Knowledge is neutral. It all depends, however, how one utilizes the knowledge. One can build deadly bombs out of chemicals produced by science and one can use the same chemicals in order to produce medicine, that can save people from death.

5. Religion is not anti-scientific. On the contrary, religion had first proclaimed that man and the world are in principle created after the image of God or the Trinity. The human being has masculine, feminine and human qualities, corresponding, in their minor scale, to the Father, The Holy Ghost (which is feminine in Aramean) and the Son. In the atom we find protons (masculine) electrons (feminine) and neitrons.

6. The Spirit of Truth or of Christ cannot be understood by the human spirit independently. Only the Holy Spirit that comes from the Father can enable us to understand things divine. A weeping soul cannot feel the spirit of joy. First it must accept, absorb the spirit of joy, and only then will it be able to understand what is joy. So also, only he who absorbs the Holy Spirit can comprehend holiness itself. No matter how developed and clever—no brain can understand and know God unless the Spirit of God (Holy Ghost) fills it with itself.

7. It is entirely wrong to confuse the Live Being of Christ with historical Christianity. Wherever there is no Holy Spirit there is no Christ, and whenever there is no Christ there is no truth and whenever there is no truth there is nothing true. And Christianity without Christ, without His Spirit, is the greatest lie—Satanism (Middle Ages) (Antichrist's teaching is Christianity without Christ).

8. Now is the time when the Spirit of our Lord enters into the final strugele with the Spirit of the World. If Mr. A. DE C. SOWERBY or anyone of his kind are willing to accept an open challenge of mind and spirit, the undersigned will be glad to openly meet him or them. And it is not the spirit of the undersigned who is going to speak, but the Spirit of the Father, and not for the sake of the undersigned, but for the sake and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. These times have been predicted by the Lord and it is the duty of his sincere disciples to accept the challenge of the world whenever and wherever it will be necessary.

LEO V. GROSSE.

Shanghai, May 23.

The N. O. B. S.:

Thousands Enrolled

To the Editor of the
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SIR,—At the instance of the sponsors of the above movement, i.e., The British United Services Association and the British Residents Association War Efforts Sub-Committee, a committee of management has been formed to prosecute the aims and objects of the Order. The following gentlemen having kindly consented to serve on the Committee have been duly nominated and elected:—

Messrs:—
A. H. Atkins
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while Messrs. Thomson & Co., chartered accountants, consented to continue to act as Hon. Treasurers to the Order.

It may be of interest to your readers to know something of the N.O.B.S. and the results achieved so far.

Founded by two Britons the N.O.B.S. was launched under the sponsorship of the British United Services Association and the British Residents Association War Efforts Sub-Committee, on lines similar to those of the A.O.F.B. movement a few years ago. The objects are to raise money for the purpose of prosecuting the war. A membership book is issued containing the rules of the Order and Emblems are sold identifying the wearers with an expression of practical help and sympathy with the Forces of Britain and her Allies in the present struggle.

The N.O.B.S. was an immediate success and within a few weeks several thousands of members have been enrolled and a considerable sum has already been raised for the benefit of war funds. There is no limit to the number of members, and sympathisers of all friendly nationalities are cordially invited to join the N.O.B.S. and display the Emblem of Membership. Britons are particularly urged to support the movement but not to do so to the detriment of any other war effort with which they may be identified. The N.O.B.S. is spreading all over China and the Far East and it is hoped that the effort will be the means of providing a continuous flow of funds to those who are charged with the prosecution of the war.

The Committee of Management has confirmed the appointment of the following Group Leaders in Shanghai:—

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and in due course various Sub-Committees will be formed to take care of overseas extension and activities, ladies' sections, etc.

Until further notice those desirous of joining the movement can do so upon application to any of the above Group Leaders or by direct application to myself.

R. A. SAUNDERS.
Hon. Secretary,
Committee of Management
"Shell House"
No. 1 The Bund,

Shanghai, May 23.

Mildew:

On Strawberry Jam

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Will any of your readers please inform me what I should do when mildew forms on top of strawberry jam. According to my wife it is bad, and she throws it away. This happened to a 4 lb jar. Can suggestions be given to prevent such wastage of home-made jams? Of course, one suggestion is not to make any jam at all, thus saving wastage, but should one decide against this rule I should be very pleased to have any suggestion from any housewife for future reference.

Can you skim the mildew away and remove about one inch down the bottle and use the rest of the jam for consumption? What prevents mildew from forming on jams?

DISCARDED CONTENTS.

Shanghai, May 23.

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Trinity Cathedral.—May 25.—Sunday after Ascension. 8 a.m. Holy Communion (also in Bubbling Well Chapel) 10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon. Psalm: 47. Lessons: Deut. 26; John 14, 1-14. Stanford in C. Anthem: "God is gone up." (Croft). Hymns: 147, 150, 301. Preacher: Rev. P. C. Matthews, M.A. 10.30 a.m. Children's Service. Preacher: Rev. G. A. Scott 3 p.m. Sunday School—Cathedral Girls' School. 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Psalm: 148. Lessons: Deut. 30; John 16, 5-end. Hymns: 302, 150, 243, 23. Preacher: Rev. E. J. Ottewell, L.Th. 6 p.m. Bubbling Well Chapel: Preacher: The Dean (Mattins at 10.30 a.m. will be broadcast from Cathedral over Stations XMHC., 700 kc., and XCDN. 1440 kc., Daily noon-day Intercessions from XMHC only).

St. John's Pro-Cathedral, Jessfield.—Morning Prayer in English at 10 a.m. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Hawks Pott, D.D. Evening Prayer in English at six o'clock Preacher: Rt. Rev. W. P. Roberts, B.D.

Union Church (International and Interdenominational), 107 Soochow Road (near the British Consulate-General)—Officiating Minister Rev. C. Wilfrid Allan.—10.20 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Vestry. 10.45 a.m. Special Young People's Service. Speaker: Mrs. E. A. C. Chambers.

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10.00 XMHD Service. Mr. C. Wilson
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4.30 Bible Study. Rev. G. A. Jacobson
7.45 "Miracles and Melodies"
8.00 XMHD Sacred Concert
8.30 Gospel Service. Major G. H. Walker
9.15 Russian Evangelistic Service and Music

Monday and each day of the week:
7.30 Sacred Music
8.30 Thought for the Day, Rev. G. A. Jacobson
9.00 Prayer and Music for the Sick
12.00 Popular Music
12.45 N.C.D.N. News Items
1.10 Devotional Service and Song
4.00 Sacred Music
5.00 Classical Music
7.45 N.C.D.N. Weekly Review (Friday)
8.00 Sacred Music
8.30 Gospel Services and Song
9.00 N.C.D.N. News Items
9.30 Russian Service (Tuesday)

Noonday Speakers: Mr. K. Faulkner, Dr. H. G. G Hallock, Mr. William McDowall, Rev. F. S. Barling, Miss M Freare and Rev. A. H. Reinhard
Nightly Speakers: Mr. F. J. T. Savage, Rev. C. G. Edwards, The Trumpeter, Dr. D. Farquharson, Rev. W. H. Turner and Rev. R. Hassal. All are cordially invited to "Tune In."

Saint Joseph's Church (Rue Montauban) Tel. 85353 Sunday: Masses at 6.15, 7, 8, 9.15 and 11 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Week-days: Masses at 6 and 7.30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church (260 Nanzing Road) Tel 41428 Sunday: Masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6 and 7 a.m.

Saint Peter's Church (Avenue Dubail) Tel. 80725 Sunday: Masses at 5.15 6, 7, 8 9.15, 11 a.m. Benediction at 3.30 and 6.45 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 5.15, 6, 6.45 and 7.30 a.m.

Saint Theresa's Church (370 Tatung Road) Tel. 39359 Sunday, Masses at 6.15, 7, 8 a.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6.15, 7 a.m.

Our Lady's Church (694 Baikal Road) Sunday Masses, at 7.30 and 9 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays Mass at 7.30 a.m.

Church of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (734 Kiaochow Road.) Tel. 32313 Sunday: Masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 5.30, 6 and 6.30 a.m.

Church of Christ the King; 235 Rue Bourgeat. Tel. 72873 Masses on Sunday at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Benediction at 6.30 p.m. Masses weekdays at 7 and 8 a.m. Catechism classes every Saturday at 9 a.m.

Saint John Bosco's Church (740 Hangchow Road) Sunday Masses at 7, 8.30, 9.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays Mass at 6.30 a.m.

Foreign Y.M.C.A.—Informal Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. in the Junior division room, (mezzanine floor). Speaker, Mr. J. A. Eggo. All welcome.

Shanghai Free Christian Church.—(Evangelical) 5 Tifeng Road, (Near Jessfield Road) Sunday 11 a.m. Morning Worship; Preacher: Dr. Lee S. Huizenga. Afternoon 3 o'clock, Sunday-school and Bible Class. Evening 6 o'clock, Gospel Service. Preaher: Mr. P. L. Bromley. During the week: Monday 8 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Thursday afternoon 5.45 o'clock, Prayer-meeting.

Community Church.—53 Ave. Petain. Mr. D. W. Edwards will preach in Community Church Sunday at 11 a.m., on the subject: "Living in Faith." Text, Gal. 2:15-21, 3:26, 4:7. Mr. R. V. Dent will be at the organ. The choir will sing "The Prayer Perfect" by Oley Speaks, and Bella Resek will sing "O Rest in the Lord" by (Elijah) Mendelssohn. The Church School will meet at 9.30 a.m. The Navy "Y" will have its programme for Service men at 6 p.m. On Monday, the Community Church Cosmopolitan Club "covered dish suppers" will be held in the Church House at 7.30 p.m., and Dr. Boekebinder will give a talk on psychometry with experiments.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Shanghai.—1647 Avenue Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Subject: "Soul and Body" Sunday School 9.45 a.m. Testimonial Meeting Wednesday, 6 p.m. Reading Room at the Church open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10.30 to 12.30, Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Endeavourers Church.—Morning service will be held at 9.30 a.m. in the hall of the Shanghai Free Christian Church, 5 Tifeng Road. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Forbes Tocher. Midweek prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. in room 305, Missions Building, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

Society of Friends (Quakers).—A meeting for worship to which all are welcome will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday in room "D" at the Foreign Y.M.C.A., 150 Bubbling Well Road.

Shanghai Hebrew Mission.—56 Ford Lane. Sunday 10.30 a.m., Rev. P. L. Bromley. Wednesday 3.30 p.m., Rev. C. G. Edwards, 703 N. Szechuen Road. Sunday 10 a.m., Rev. C. R. Hirts. Wednesday 3.30, p.m., Dr. Forbes Tocher.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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LOCAL EVENTS OF THE DAY

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To-day's Programme

10.25 Religious Service relayed from Holy Trinity Cathedral
11.45 Light Classical Selections
12.45 News in English
1.00 News in Chinese
1.30 Peter Adam's German Programme
2.00 Symphoniekonzert
(1) Klavierkonzert Nr. 4 in G-dur op 58.....Beethoven
(2) Symphonie Nr. 41 in C-dur (Die "Jupiter").....Mozart
3.00 "Sunday Afternoon Concert"
4.00 **Children's Half Hour with "Georgie"**
4.30 Chinese Programme
5.00 "The Foundations of Chinese Music" by Prof. Wei Chung-loh
6.30 Hungarian Programme
7.00 Indian Programme
7.30 "The Voices of Democracy" Sponsored by the Inter-Allied Federation.
8.00 Relay of B.B.C News and Talk (Conditions Permitting)
8.30 Pomping Vila at the Hammond Organ
9.00 News in Enylish followed by B.B.C. Programme Announcements
9.15 Religious Service conducted by Rev. Alexander Baxter
9.30 **How Much do You Know?** Master of Ceremonies—Frank Barry. Ladies v. Gentlemen
10.00 **XCDN Concert Hall**
(1) L'Arlesienne Suite Nos. 1 and 2....Bizet
(2) Rhapsody in E Flat, op. 119.... Brahms
(3) Intermezzo in E Flat, op. 117 ....Brahms
(4) Zapateado (Spanish Dance).... Sarasate
(5) Le Coq d'Or-Hymn to the Sun ....Rimsky Korsakov
(6) Sonata in C minor....Mozart
11.00 **Late Night Final**
11.10 Dance Music
11.40 Moviegoers' News Summary

Foreign Language Broadcasts

CHINESE.—(Mandarin) every day at 1, 6.00 and 11.50 p.m.
CHINESE.—(Shanghai dialect) every day at 5.20
CZECH.—Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri at 2. and Wed. at 7.
FRENCH.—Every day at 7.30 except Sunday.
GERMAN.—Every day at 1.30 and 11.10 except Sunday Evening
GREEK.—Saturday, at 7.
HINDUSTANI.—Every day at 1.15 except Sunday. Sunday at 7
HUNGARIAN.—Sunday at 6.30
NETHERLANDS.—Tuesday at 7
POLISH.—Monday and Thursday at 7

BBC

Main items in this evening's London programme which can be heard on the 16 (GSV) and 19 (GSF) metre bands throughout and on the 25 (GSD) metre band from 10.45 p.m. are:—

8.00 News and Topical Talk.
8.30 Brothers in Arms. The Forces of the Empire.
10.00 News and News Commentary.
11.00 Talk. People of Britain.
11.30 In Town tonight.
Midnight. American Commentary. Talk by H. B. Elliston.

LOCAL FOOD PRICES

Average prices obtained on May 23. H.—Hongkew District W.—Seymour Rd. Market and shops in Western District F.C.—Markets and shops in the French Concession.

BEEF	H.	W.	F.C.
Rib	3.60	3.60	3.50
Rump	4.00	4.20	3.50
Sirloin	4.00	4.50	—
Soup	2.60	2.20	2.50
Suet	2.00	2.40	1.10
MUTTON			
Lamb	1.60	1.70	1.50
Gigot	1.60	1.70	1.60
PORK			
Lard	1.40	1.50	1.38
Leg	2.00	2.30	0.87
Cutlet	2.20	2.30	1.96
Should.	1.90	2.30	2.03
VEAL			
Cutlets	3.60	3.50	—
BUFFALO			
Rump	3.60	3.20	2.80
Soup	2.00	2.00	1.80
Goat	—	—	1.55
PREPARED MEAT			
Bacon	2.50	3.00	2.70
Ham F.	3.20	2.50	4.00
Ham C.	2.50	3.20	2.80
S. pork	1.28	1.60	1.60
FISH			
Carp	—	2.60	2.10
" live	—	1.00	—
Cod	1.10	1.15	2.00
Eel live	2.20	1.40	1.10
Manda.	1.60	1.50	1.60
Prawns	0.45	0.40	0.40
Salmon	1.40	1.40	—
Salmon	7.40	1.40	—
Soles N.	1.20	1.10	1.00
W'bait	1.10	1.20	—
Yellow	0.70	0.70	1.00
SALTED FISH			
Herring	1.10	0.75	0.70
Ribbon	0.20	0.70	0.75
Salmon	1.20	1.50	1.20
POULTRY AND EGGS			
Chick	2.80	2.60	2.60
Duck	7.00	9.00	7.00
Eggs	2.20	2.00	2.00
FRUIT			
Apples	1.20	—	1.00
Bananas	1.10	0.80	1.00
Lemons	0.70	0.50	0.65
Oranges	..	—	2.00
" Imp.	7.20	7.20	7.00
Pears	..	—0.80	0.90

VEGETABLES	H.	W.	F.C.
B'boo	0.50	0.70	0.60
Beans F.	1.00	1.20	1.00
B'root	0.30	0.30	0.30
C'bage	0.15	0.10	0.14
" F.	0.15	0.20	0.12
" S.	0.15	0.20	0.15
Carrots	0.40	0.40	0.40
Onions	0.20	0.25	0.12
Potatoes	0.40	0.48	0.40
Spinach	0.12	0.25	0.10
To'toes	3.50	2.20	—
Turnips	0.15	0.15	0.10
GROCERY			
Coffee	4.00	3.40	3.20
Flour A.	0.78	0.72	0.70
Flour C.	0.74	0.61	0.68
Macar.	1.40	1.30	1.10
Noodles	0.60	0.54	0.57
Salt T.	0.56	0.54	0.50
" C.	0.56	0.49	0.44
Sugar T.	0.95	1.05	0.95
" H.	0.90	0.90	0.88
Tea C.	6.00	6.00	3.50
OIL AND BEAN CURD			
Bean	0.22	0.30	0.10
Salad	1.85	2.38	1.80
Soya	1.10	1.34	1.30
MILK, BUTTER AND BREAD			
Milk, A	1.15	1.10	1.00
" B	0.70	0.83	0.60
" A.T.T.	—	1.13	—
Milk	2.00	4.25	2.00
Butter	8.20	8.00	7.70
Margar.	2.10	2.05	2.10
Bread	0.75	0.75	0.75
SOAPS			
Toilet	0.50	0.95	0.90
Wash.	0.75	1.25	1.40
RICE			
K'mee	0.78	0.73	0.77
Foreign	0.67	0.69	0.67
COAL AND FUEL			
Antrac.	450	450	450
Kitchen	410	450	440
Brique.	15	16	15
Char.	.50	—	47
Wood	—	0.60	1.00
K'sene	1.26	1.24	1.44

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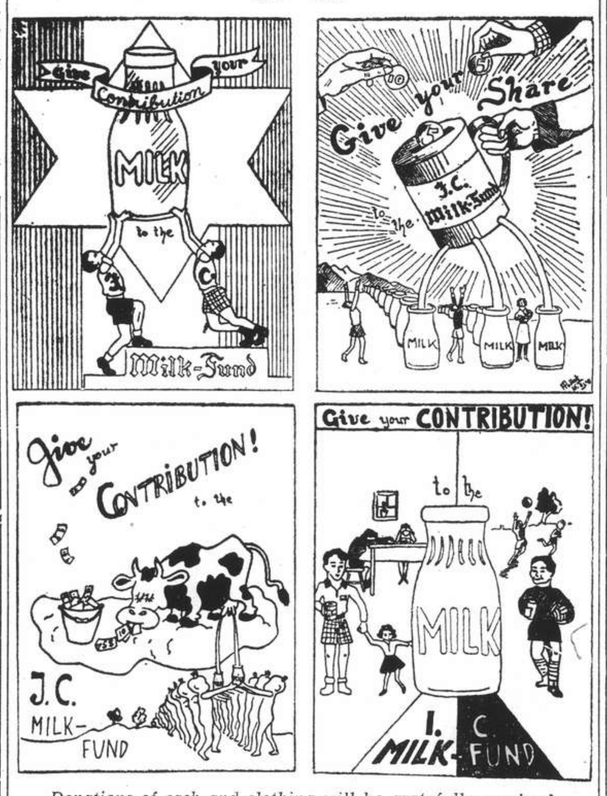

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LITTLE SHIPS AND BIG MEN

By Admiral Sir Lionel Preston

This is about little ships and the big men who man them. I don't mean the Navy proper, but small craft that only became His Majesty's when, under emergency powers, they were requisitioned and mostly given guns, and a uniformed crew who hoisted the White Ensign in place of the old red duster. I can't tell you exactly how many of the kind are requisitioned, but there are very many hundreds. Now what sort of ships are they? First, the heaviest subscriber is the Fishing Fleet—trawlers that drag a trawl on the bottom for flat fish; drifters that drift up to a mile of nets to entangle herrings; and small motor vessels that use a seine net or long baited lines for such fish as will oblige. Lately, the fisheries have been through lean years, so the vast majority of the trawlers, and nearly all the drifters, are veterans of the last war, and they have led a strenuous life in the interval. In taking these up, the Navy tries to keep a balance with the Ministry of Food, who want the utmost fish. Believe me, it's a delicate balance to maintain.

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Requisitioning is often the test of an owner's patriotism; for example, a fisherman whose boat is the breadwinner. A yacht, too, like a dog, is very dear to the master, particularly when it is his regular home. But there have been few owners who have not accepted their fate loyally; many offering their personal services and even suggesting they serve as cook or steward. Others offer boats without payment. Here is a typical example of enthusiasm. A man of seventy, who owned a yacht and wanted to serve in her, was a bit over age for that, but he insisted on taking her round to the port where she was to be employed. As a result of machine gunning, he died, as he would have wished—commanding his little ship on war service. Keenness to help has come from others than British. Two American owners, whose boats were in England, sold them to the Admiralty for one dollar apiece. Another not only presented his yacht, but paid the refit to make her an efficient naval unit.

How do we employ these innumerable little vessels? Far the biggest requirement is minesweeping. I well remember how we used to search 1,000 miles of home water for mines daily in the last war, for I was directing mine-sweeping. Then we had just one sort of mine—the moored kind. Now there are other types, as well as that old moored one, laid by both submarines and aircraft. This calls for different antidotes and more little ships to manipulate them. It also means more sea to cover with the sweeps, because enemy aircraft can drop mines in places where his ships cannot go, spots that were then peaceful waters. The old-time minesweepers laid a sound foundation on which the present organization was built. Then it was dangerous enough and needed much seamanlike skill, but was far less scientific than now. Today there is the added danger from the sky, and quite a lot of applied science is necessary.

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Next comes submarine-hunting, which takes the largest of the little ships. And auxiliary patrol too, a great force of sentinels near the shore. Then there are less spectacular jobs, equally vital to war at sea—for example, examination craft to see that no ship enters port that shouldn't. Many of our harbours are protected by boom defence. This also needs beamy ships to work it. Boom defence keeps the submarine out, and again it has to be patrolled by other craft, waiting to drop depth charges on an offender. Little ships are also wanted for balloon barrages. Some of them accompany convoys past Hell's Corner.

We also have to find speedy rescue craft, ready to pick up any of our matchless airmen who may have to bale out, for the Navy, you must know, has the job of satisfying the needs of both airmen and soldiers when boats in large numbers are required. And all this outfit of craft applies equally to ports abroad. It means that from small building yards at home in the Dominions and in the Colonies a steady flow of little ships is taking the water to replenish stocks.

In the meantime, the shipyards have to conserve what we have, and right well they are doing it. Losses often occur. They will certainly continue and need replacement. New requirements daily arise, and another factor or drain is that just as you and I cannot work 24 hours of the day, so ships require spells for refit—that means a larger number must be available than actually on duty, and the small ship is easier to damage than the big one. Hence our needs.

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So much for the ships. And now the men that man them. The officers comprise a sprinkling of the Merchant Service; officers who did training with the Navy in peace time. They are the R.N.R., but the needs of the Mercantile Marine have taken most of them. The handicap has been overcome by business and professional men of every description—actors, stockbrokers, musicians, journalists, farmers and men of every sort of shore job, even officers that served in our armies in France in the last war, and a famous Member of Parliament and author who still seems to prefer bell-bottomed trousers to a temporary commission. These are the R.N.V.R., a permanent force in peace time, now enormously increased, all men who had learned to understand the sea in little yachts. Surely brine is in the blood of the British race, for these fellows have taken to naval jobs like ducks to water. They didn't sit tight and wait for influence to help them to commissions; many preferred to enter through the hawse pipe, that is, to start as a seaman on the lower deck.

Yacht clubs have given many officers to the R.N.V.R., and British yachtsmen have a world-wide reputation. By the way, the American Blue Water Medal, the prize for the finest piece of amateur seamanship of 1940, was awarded to British yachtsmen for Dunkirk. Last, but not least, we have the skippers of the trawlers, as great a body of tough seamen as exist in any of the Seven Seas.

The fine spirit of the officers is none the less evident in the men, who are mostly fishermen and form the Royal Naval Patrol Service, but others are landsmen by trade, lovers of the sea, as the registration officers know from the number who registered a choice for naval service, and now these to whom the sight of waves was more or less a holiday incident, are as one with the hardened sailors; attack by bombs and machine guns their common diet. Ships get sunk, their mates get killed, while in fair weather or foul the work goes on as they hit back viciously and, Goering knows, with no lack of success.

A skipper of a trawler was getting his orders from the Captain of the Base, who jokingly said, "Bring me a Heinkel for breakfast." That sportsman returned to say he was sorry he could only produce a rubber dinghy. The Heinkel had received a direct hit from the trawler's guns and evaporated. Deckhands, enginemen and even cooks play their part in the fight. One cook ran to the gun on the approach of the bomber and, although badly wounded, went on firing and hit it hard. Another cook brought one down. It was Jerry in the soup that time!

Not only do these men show gallantry, but constant humour, which you know—although the Huns don't—is the spice of *moral*. For all that, official paper work beats some of them. Thank heaven there are still simple sailors who express themselves in a downright way.

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I cannot end without telling one story. A young and totally inexperienced officer who had only a few days before joined a R.N.V.R. training school somewhere on the South Coast, got a lift to Dover last May when our little boats were very busy crossing the Channel. He was wearing his new uniform; the single wavy stripe glittering in the sunshine caught the eye of a longshoreman who, with a chum professing knowledge of engines, was struggling to get a kick out of an ancient lifeboat.

"Know the way over?" asked the old salt, who had never been far from the coast. The youngster hesitated, then quite definitely said he did. A day or two later, he was reporting to his senior officer, after bringing back 36 of the B.E.F. and ferrying off others from the beaches.

"How ever did you get there?"

"It was like going down Piccadilly, sir," he replied. "I just joined up with the crowd until the engine conked and we drifted out of sight of them."

He went on: "Oh, we got the engine off again in the end."

"And then?"

"I steered for the guns, sir."

"Steered for the guns; shades of Nelson and of Drake."

Three hundred and fifty-three years ago come July bonfires were lighted to let the people know that Philip of Spain's galleons were blundering up the Channel to invade, and if they succeeded, to submit us to an Inquisition. Drake, who had already singed the King of Spain's beard, played out his game of bowls—a gesture to the people to take it quietly.

Now, should Hitler dare—Hitler, who, by the way, got that forelock singed in the Lofoten Islands, and does not know where it will come next—should Hitler dare, church bells will ring the warning: Britain's challenge. Then we, too, must take it quietly, staying put, going on with our jobs, keeping the pitch clear while our airmen fill the skies, our soldiers the lands, and on the seas gallant sailors, tinkers, tailors, rich men, poor men, apothecaries, and—no, not thieves, just the officer who by mistake took my mackintosh. All will be there, like Drake's men of old in little ships steering for the guns to defeat another Armada.

SLUGGISH OBSERVATIONS

By Arthur de C. Sowerby

For the past two years I have carried out observations upon a colony of slugs, which, in spite of protests from the better seven-eighths, I have allowed to occupy a small moist area round and under the water-pans in my aviary. In the first instance a single small individual of our local indigenous slug, known to science as *Philomycus bilineatus* (Benson), somehow found its way one rainy night early in the summer of 1939 into the mosquito-screened veranda opening from my bedroom, which I used as an aviary, and took up its abode in the spot already indicated.

It was about an inch in length and was of a greyish-buff colour with a dark brown stripe running down the middle of its slightly keeled back and a lighter thinner stripe down each side of its body. I used to see it every morning when I cleaned and refilled the birds' drinking pan, under which it usually spent the day. At night it would wander round the damp area made by the water that overflowed from the drinking pan or was splashed about when the birds had a bath in a larger pan I had placed there for the purpose. It fed upon the birdseed scattered about as well as upon scraps of cabbage or lettuce provided for the birds, growing very rapidly. Apparently the dry sand that covered the rest of the floor of the aviary prevented its escape from the damp area, which it was able to reach on the night of its first appearance only because rain had beaten in and had moistened the sand. It was thus isolated from outside contact, just as if it were in an oasis in a sandy desert.

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My *Philomycus bilineatus*, which means the "two-striped fungus-lover," soon reached a length of two inches when neither stretched out to its maximum capacity nor shrunken to the dimensions assumed when sleeping or alarmed. One day I was surprised and pleased to see a cluster of slightly oval-shaped transparent eggs beside it under the water-pan. A few days later during another rainstorm a second slug came into the aviary and made its home beside the first one. Very soon it, too, deposited a cluster of eggs. This was about the middle of summer. In due course first one batch of eggs hatched out and then the other, resulting in a swarm of healthy baby slugs, which took up their residence under the water-pan and the bird-bath. There were well over 100 of them and further vigorous protests were lodged by my wife when I proudly showed them to her.

Both the parent slugs ceased to increase in size for a time after their eggs had been laid, in fact they had shrunk considerably as a result of this process; but their progeny grew rapidly, feeding, as the old ones had done, on the birdseed and lettuce. By the time winter came on they were all of a fair size, ranging from an inch to an inch and a half in length. Then, either as a result of the cold weather, or because of the outbreak of some disease, the whole colony died, with the exception of the first and larger of the two original slugs. This hardy fellow survived till the spring and on into the summer, during the early part of which it laid another batch of eggs. All of these were fertile and hatched out in about three weeks' time, as the previous batches had done. This rather surprised me because the slug certainly could not have mated with any other slug since early in the previous winter.

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The members of this new family grew as rapidly as their predecessors had done, but again, when winter came, they all died suddenly—all, that is to say, but one, this time one of the young ones being the survivor, the original parent being amongst those that died. The survivor was well under an inch in length, but it managed to live through the winter to the spring of the present year.

At this time, most of my birds having died of old age, I decided to give up using the veranda as an aviary and to devote it to other purposes, but I was careful to keep the slug alive, placing it in a square glass jar with a little earth and moss on the bottom, in which I could observe it more closely than had been possible with the other slugs in the aviary. I fed it exclusively on lettuce, upon which diet it seemed to thrive, growing rapidly and soon becoming a very handsome creature. It differed from its parent, the first slug, in that the line down its back was very faint while those on its sides were broad and well-defined. Incidentally, I presume it was on this feature that the name bilineatus, or two-striped, was based, the describer of the species having failed to note the third stripe down the middle of the back, which is often very inconspicuous.

I kept this slug in its jar in a warm place, which must have hastened its development, for early in March it laid a large batch of eggs, and then two smaller batches at intervals of a week each. Most of the eggs hatched out, and the young slugs were growing fast and doing nicely when suddenly they all died, leaving only their parent, which by this time was even larger and more handsome than ever. It was the largest slug of this species that I have yet seen. When fully stretched out it was over five inches in length, and it was of a rich buff-brown colour.

I turned out the contents of the jar, allowing the parent slug to crawl off into the garden apparently in perfect health. Then I discovered that the earth at the bottom of the jar and a fluid that had gathered there were infested with great numbers of minute thread-like white worms. There was not a sign of any of the young slugs that had died, some of them but a few hours earlier. I cannot say whether the worms were the cause of their death or some disease.

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So much for the story of my pet slugs; now for the implications of their behaviour. The fact that the first slug was a juvenile when it came into my aviary would indicate that it had not mated before it made its appearance there. I am certain that it did not come into contact with any other slug during its residence in the aviary before it laid its eggs. These were all fertile, since they hatched out. The question that at once presented itself to my mind was, whether or not this was a case of parthenogenesis, that is to say, eggs hatching or young being born without being fertilized by male germ-cells. The alternative to this was that it was a case of self-fertilization, since many molluscs are known to be hermaphroditic, having in a single individual both male and female organs. The experiences of the lone surviving slug during the past spring confirmed the fact that our fungus-loving friend *Philomycus bilineatus* is capable of producing progeny without mating with another individual. But the question as to whether the eggs it produced were parthenogenetic or had somehow been fertilized by the male organs within itself remains unanswered. The probability is that self-fertilization took place, but how this might have been accomplished is not explained in the textbooks on the subject that I have been able to consult, and I can see no way of finding it out.

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Interestingly enough, there are parallel cases to the foregoing in the plant world. Here in Shanghai we have several species and varieties of wild violets, which besides producing seeds in the spring from regular flowers with petals, stamens and pistils, go on producing seed-pods with fertile seeds all through the summer without the normal process of the opening of flowers which may be visited by insects and so fertilized in the usual way. These violets produce what are called "cleistogamic" flowers, meaning closed flowers. In these there are no petals, the ovaries and stamens being tightly enveloped by the green sepals. Self-pollination takes place, and then the seed-pods grow rapidly, finally ripening, splitting open and scattering the fertile seeds.

This process I have observed in my garden in the two varieties of *Viola Patrinii* D.C., namely, the white form, *typica* Maxim, and the mauve form, *chinensis* Ging., both of which are common in the Shanghai area, while Dr. Porterfield in the book "Wayside Plants and Weeds of Shanghai" records it in *Viola diffusa* Ging., saying that the conspicuous petalled flowers are sterile, the seeds being produced by the small cleistogamic flowers that come later. My observations on the two foregoing varieties indicate that the petalled flowers are fertile and produce seeds.

Wisdom from the Weeklies

Help for Local Authorities At intervals for some months past there has been stressed the necessity for a general realization that among the other changes wrought by the war is the breakdown of the system of local government, and particularly of local rating, observes "Truth." The Minister of Health has recently announced more Government help for local authorities who can no longer finance their essential services. In special circumstances the Government has for some time made loans free of interest; in future 75 per cent. of such interest-free advances may be regarded as outright grants. Over £360 000 has been advanced to fourteen local authorities in coastal areas badly hit by evacuation. Of this sum under the new retrospective powers, £270,000 will become a gift. There are now 28 Metropolitan and five other boroughs in the queue for such assistance. Had we been a wise nation, with a system of government adaptable to sudden changes in economic circumstances, we should have made a clean cut of the old system of rating at the time of Mr. Churchill's de-rating measures. It was obvious as far back as 1929 that the age-old decentralization of local finance cannot meet the needs of modern economic life. The old distressed areas, with their high rating and their depressed *moral* were long ago in a vicious circle, wherein new industries would not begin while rating was high, and rating would remain high until new industries began. The loss to rates of evacuated premises, of other "empties," and of ruined, or half-ruined tradespeople, has made many new fiscally distressed areas. The Central Government can help them during the continuation of the war by grants, but nothing can restore their old local balance.

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Overstaidd In Bed The New Pepys writes in "Truth": — Overstaid in bedd soe long this morning that by the time I was upp and drest 'twas a peremptory choice betwixt breakfast and church; and (God forgive me) breakfast had it. Afterward to parlour piaono and there, to mine own accompaniment, sang that noble solo, "In verdure cladd," out of Haydn's "Creatioun" in conformity with this day's 1st Lessoun from Genesis. But Lord! How I wisht I had had a quire to follow it with "The Heavens are telling" as I used to have when I sang it as a boy in our school chapell. Speaking of Haydn, I have observed that the wireless announcers nowadays do allways metickulously repatriate him phonetickally into his native Austrien (to wit, Hydn); and Mozart into Motezart in like manner. Which to me do rather savour of pedantick knowledge showing off at the expence of popular ignorance. Yet I wouldn't mind wagering that such partickular purists in some pett preciosity of their own do, outside of that, use the commonly Englished pronunciatioun of foreign names, both personall and place names, every day of, their lives. Certes women have a notably greater nack of getting their way with refractory tradesfolk than we men have. For we, when we goe into a shopp for this or that article and are refused, do meekly bow to the 1st rebuff and streightway out again. Whereas a woman, in like circumstances, noe more thinks of bowing to the 1st rebuff than she thinks of flying, but stands her ground womanfully and lays her argumentative tongue abt the shopman, till, if he have any of the required article hidden anywhere behind the counter (as he not infreequently hath in these difficult days), he is finally harassed into letting her have some. Soe allbeit a persistently argumentative wife at home is a devilish nuisance, as I know to my cost, her husband hath some recompence for this in the advantageous nuisance she makes herself abroad to the tradesfolk when she goes ashopping.

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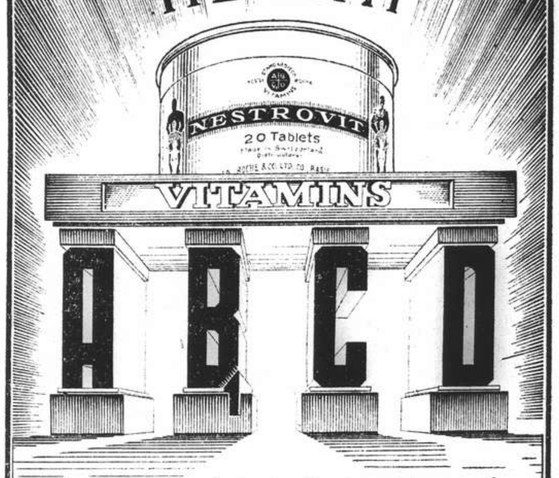

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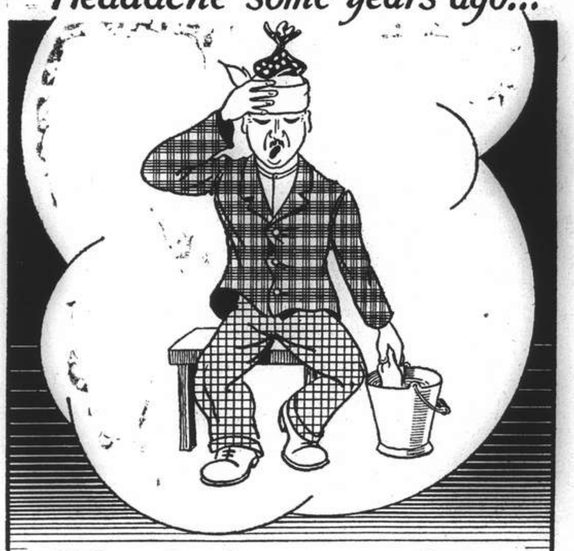

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On the French Club terrace the other evening we watched summer come to Shanghai in assorted hues, soft-shadowed as a Watteau painting. The green of the broad lawn disappeared into the lowering blue of the sky, which was swallowed into the black of night. And the extra surcharge of the Shanghai Power Company beautified the picture by making prohibitive neon lights, formerly ringing the skyline.

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SPLASH !

Stockingless legs are still something of a novelty, though frugal females are making dilapdiated hosiery "do" until the glad day when bare, brown legs are the order of attire.

Out at the Columbia, you can splash in the pool and start working on your summer tan. French and Country Club pools also are open, after much sloshing and painting

War Fund Photo

"Gay Nineties" Interlude

Many a "Magic Night" quest took a mirthful excursion into the Gay Nineties via the War Fund Studio. Above are Mrs. G. F. C. Corfield, one of the most energetic members of the "Labour Corps," and her son, Richard.

SUCCESS

The whole town's talking—still—about "Magic Night," enormously successful American Workroom benefit for the British Red Cross, at the Columbia Country Club last Saturday.

Gay as a Spanish fiesta—yet admirably organized, from the first cocktail to the last whirl of the Paddle Wheel—"Magic Night" owes its success to Mrs. Eric Petersen, chairman; Mrs. A. F. Rundell, secretary; Mrs. Clark Lee, treasurer; and the other members of the "Labour Corps," including Mrs. G. F. C. Corfield, Mrs. Wirt Leonard and Mrs. Pemberton Carter.

Note: perfect Anglo-American accord was obvious at dinner time, when guests tilted trays at precarious angles to reach the steaming beanpot or gaily splashed mustard over the hot dogs.

"A sound institution.—American cafeteria."—averred one diner, attacking the mound of cold slaw with enthusiasm.

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"WHAT SHE WORE"

Strolling through the crowded rooms we noticed Mrs. Lee, wearing a frock of white satin, the gay little bolero embroidered in gold sequins—Mrs. Giacomo Zanetti in turquoise blue crepe, the square neck and cuffs of the long sleeves outlined in coral and blue embroidery—Mrs. W. H. Gardiner in surf blue crepe, wearing a huge bunch of matching flowers on her shoulder—Mrs. Kenneth Selby-Walker in a black dinner frock with scarlet panels.

At the Paddle Wheel: Mrs. Gordon Morriss in mauve satin; Mrs. Helen McBain wearing smoke gray chiffon, with a surplice bodice; Miss Imogen Newman in white chiffon, silver-embroidered; Mrs. Charles Rayden in black net, with a close-fitting velvet bodice; Mrs. Eric Petersen in white chiffon, printed with spring flowers.

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GLIMPSES

Efficient cashier of the "Banco de Busto" was Miss Frances Donaldson, who heads the downtown branch of the American Workroom, wearing a black chiffon dinner frock, with diamond clips at the low, square neck.

Mrs. W. J. Gande chose a gown of flowered taffeta. Mrs. George Marden wore a scarlet jacket over her striped frock; Mrs. A. J. Hickmott a period frock of flowered silk, in softest pastels.

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ALWAYS GOODBYE

Highlights of the week: Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Parsons' cocktail party at the Cathay on Wednesday. Mrs. Parsons also sailed for the United States in the Nitta Maru.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Selby-Walker's cocktails on Friday. Mrs. Selby-Walker is Bali-bound in a few weeks.

CONTRIBUTION

One of our masculine correspondents, who arrived home from "Magic Night" with a bottle of bath salts, a lady's jewelled clip, a bottle of whiskey, half a dozen handkerchiefs and not a cent to pay taxi fare, praised the *Organization.*

What impressed him most was the way the American women on the committee *Organized* their husbands into running different branches of the dollar-raising activities. The amateur dance band, including Sir Walter Raleigh (*alias* Mr. E. H. MacKay) was top notch—he declares—and as for the buffet dinner—two helpings for him.

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LUMINARY

One of Shanghai's most accomplished amateurs, Miss Jill Leith, sailed in the Nitta Maru for the United States on Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Leith. They are bound for San Francisco, New York—after that: plans indefinite.

Among the many farewells in their honour was the cocktail party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Henchman on Thursday evening.

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CANADA-BOUND

Yet another June departure from Shanghai will be that of Mrs. P. B. Joly, accompanied by her daughter Joyce. Miss Joly is entering college in Canada.

NEW HIGH

Record—we believe—for war benefit auctions goes to the last performance of "XCDN Calling" when a master auctioneer gleaned $11,000 for the war fund in exchange for a sarong. And Sarong-Wearer Dorothy Lamour was not included!

Mrs. Doreen Gray

"XCDN Calling" programme seller. Skvirsky

PRESIDENT TAFT

Another President liner is due to leave port today, with yet another full list of passengers homeward bound.

Aboard are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morris and family, going on furlough. Mrs. Morris—at the helm of the Shanghai American School for the past critical year—plans to be in the United States for the next twelve months. She has joined the faculty of the New Canaan Country School, in Connecticut, where her daughter will be a student.

Others leaving in the Taft include Mr. M. A. Mitchell, Mr. A. W. Robson, Mr. Joe Fistere, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. B. Nichols of Tientsin, Mr. D. G. Sanborn, Mr. C. J. Ferguson and—of course—Colonel DeWitt Peck.

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EMPIRE DAY

Empire Day, always conservatively observed in Shanghai, acquired a new significance under war-time conditions. Bonds of British imperial relationship seemed stronger than ever despite the strain. On the faces of Britons and their friends who attended functions held yesterday was a new earnestness and the realization of a great purpose.

At the Shanghai Club, where hundreds gathered at the midday reception given by British members to their international friends, the loyal toast has never been drunk more fervently after the speech of Mr. C. W. Porter, the Chairman.

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NEW ADDRESS

Word has been received in Shanghai from Mrs. Ellingwood Wilson Kay, the former Miss Frances Russell of the "North-China Daily News" staff, that she and her husband will make their home at 425 West 51st street, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay were married early in April. Mr. Kay is associate editor of "Cosmopolitan," and formerly served as American Vice-Consul in Amsterdam.

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RECEPTION

Among the interesting events of the week was the reception given by Professor and Mrs. B. A. Zak in honour of Mme. Marina Mee. During the course of the reception Mme. Mee played several selections from the programme she has chosen for the benefit recital in aid of the American Hospital for Chinese Refugees, which will be held on May 30. Among the guests was the Brazilian Ambassador to Japan, M. Fredrico de Castello-Branco Clark.

VISITOR

Back to Tokyo this week went Mr. H. Merrell Benninghoff. Formerly attached to the American Embassy in Peiping, Mr. Benninghoff was transferred to Tokyo this spring.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To the Palace snack counter cat, Omau, who recently presented the management with another half dozen kittens of assorted character.

According to the Number One Boy, this makes nearly fifty offspring in five years. Proud mother was last seen curled up on the counter, smirking with satisfaction and indolently attempting to collect one of Mussolini's large family bonuses.

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IN AND OUT

To Weihaiwei on a brief holiday, Mr. F. L. Morrison and Mr. E. L. Hartopp. Back to Tokyo, Mr. A. G. Hard, of the Australian Commercial Counsellor's Office in the Japanese capital, who visited Manchoukuo before coming to Shanghai.

Sailing this week-end to join H. M. Forces: Mr. John Bowerman and Mr. R. J. Whitehead. The latter entertained his friends at a farewell cocktail party last Sunday.

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BY CABLE

News has been received by Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Bowden of the arrival of their two daughters, Miss Doreen Bowden and Miss June Bowden, in Sydney. Due to a delay in sailing, they spent an enjoyable week touring Java.

Mrs. I. T. Morris and her daughter also have arrived in Australia.

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"ROUND TRIP"

Bound for South Africa, with a stop in Hongkong, are Mrs. Suzanne Walen and her mother, Mrs. Walen, unlike so many departing Shanghailanders, plans to return in September.

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"PLEASANT VOYAGE"

Miss Mary Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. E. S. Wilkinson, has cabled her father that she had a "pleasant but uneventful voyage home," arriving in London last Sunday. She travelled via the Cape, spent two and a half months on the trip, mostly in ports of call. Miss Wilkinson is engaged to Captain Guy Summerhays, now stationed in England.

By the way, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Davidson sailed in the same ship as Miss Wilkinson.

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FAREWELLED

By the Zero Club, Colonel DeWitt Peck, commanding officer of the Fourth U. S. Marines, at the Wednesday reunion. Anglo-American relationships were stressed and the Club's fond memories of other Marine Corps Commanders were revived. Others present included Admiral W. A. Glassford and Lieut.-Colonel C. A. Wynn.

Also farewelled was Mr. R. J. Whitehead, en route to India.

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HYMN OF HESS

Rejected suggestion made to local radio station for inclusion in musical programme: "From Adolf to Rudolf: 'Will you not come back again?'"

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JUNE SAILINGS

Already whirling through a series of good-bye parties are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rayden, who are sailing on leave in the United States June 8; and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hickmott, who leave for Canada June 13. Many are joint affairs for the four departees.

Miss Mabel Jansen

At King's Daughters' Jubilee. N.C.D.N.

IN TRANSIT

Here from Mukden is Mr. J. P. Reeves, of the British Consulate in Mukden, and Mrs. Reeves. They are bound for Macao, where Mr. Reeves is to be stationed.

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PRELUDE

A number of gay tiffins preceded yesterday's Empire Day gymkhana. Among them was the party given by Mrs. Hugh Maitland.

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FEMININE TOUCH

Chinese-American Foreign Trade Week—quite logically, no doubt—proved an almost entirely masculine event. But we glimpsed—at Wednesday's Trade Week tiffin—a suggestion of feminine influence: Miss Lillian Joyce Lee, of the American Chamber of Commerce staff, presiding at the ticket taking table in a lovely gown of turquoise blue.

One Of The Better Stories

Lacks

It must have been amusing—whatever it was—judging by the expressions on the faces of Colonel Samuel L. Howard, Colonel DeWitt Peck, Mr. R. T. Bryan, Jr., and Mr. Charles Richardson, glimpsed at the stag dinner for Colonel Peck at the American Club last Monday, sponsored by the American Association and the American Chamber of Commerce.

U. S. Marine Farewell

N.C.D.N.

Most feted man in Shanghai during the past weeks has been Colonel DeWitt Peck, who is sailing for the United States in the President Taft One of the final affairs in his honour was the cocktail party at the American Club on Tuesday, when U. S. Marine officers said good-bye to their chief, welcomed the new commanding officer, Colonel Samuel L. Howard. The group above, photographed at the cocktail party, includes Lieut. J. V. Lyon, U. S. M. C., Miss Helen Lyons; Lieut. R. R. Penick, U. S. M. C., and Lieut. A. D. Kilmartin, U. S. N.

CHINESE-AMERICAN

Sixty students—a record number, so far as we can recall—were honoured at Friday's student tiffin at the American Club given jointly by the American University Club, the American Association of University Women, the American Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber.

We recall one Chinese student, a former Shanghai newspaperwoman, Miss Betty Wang, who enrolled at the University of Southern California to get her M.A. in Journalism. She succeeded—and became the outstanding student of the year.

MADAME THE ENGINEER

We like the story of the engineer who visited one of the Soviet ships in drydock and asked to see the engineer in charge.

Down at the bottom of the dock was a small figure in blue, directing activities with efficient precision

"There she is," declared the officer on duty. And so she was. The engineer turned out to be a level-eyed woman, in skirts, who proved to have expert knowledge of her vessel and her job.

Associated Photographers

Around The Paddle Wheel

Centre of an eager crowd during the entire evening was the Paddle Wheel, most successful of "Magic Night" diversions. Directing activities is Mrs. A. F. Rundell and among the spectators are Mr. and Mrs. George Marden, Mrs. Gordon Morriss, Mr. W. J. Gande and Mr. E. H. MacKay.

"Magic Night" Dinner Party

World News

Among the numerous dinner parties given at the Columbia Country Club at last Saturday's American Workroom benefit for the British Red Cross was the one seen above. Included in the picture are Mr. E. S. Barraclough, Mr. J. C. Hutchison, Mrs R. G. MacDonald, Mr. W. J. Gande (a visitor from another table); Mrs. Billy Reeves, Mrs. Barraclough, Mr. H. H. Arnold and Mr. R. G. MacDonald.

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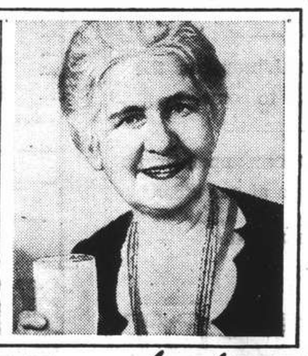

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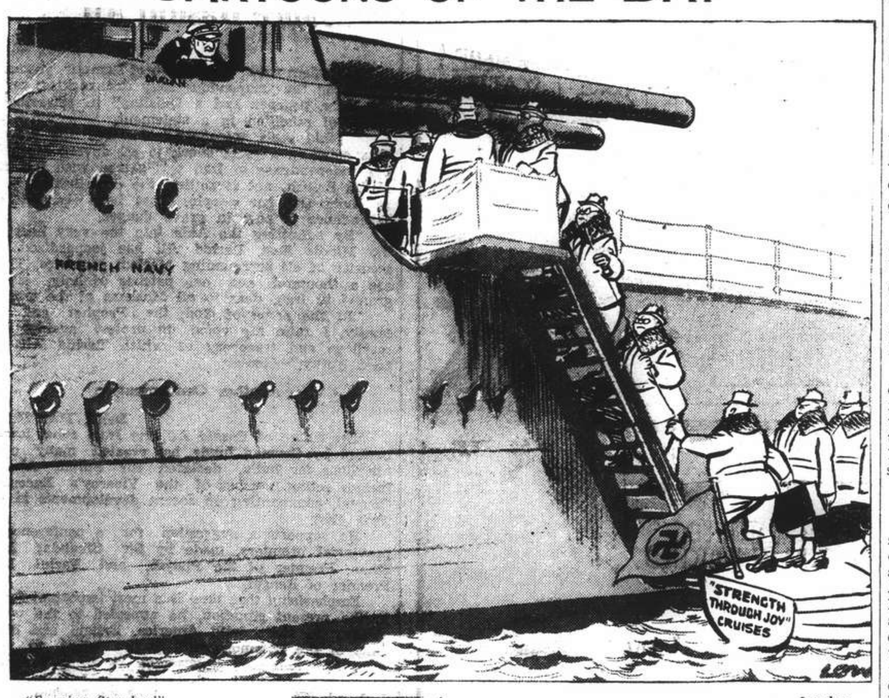

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Sorry Plight Of France As Seen By American Visitor

BY KENNETH DOWN, I.N.S. CORRESPONDENT

Lisbon, May 23.

I HAVE just come from France, where I spent five weeks. During those five weeks I kept on the move. I travelled through unoccupied France from the hungry Pyrenees region to the unreal capital of Vichy.

I visited the dead but vastly overcrowded cities of Marseilles and Lyons and the despondent areas of the once rich Riviera. And because I could make no sense of the anomalies and contradictions of unoccupied France. I took the "underground railway" through barbed wire entanglements and German patrols into the forbidden area of occupied France, spending five days in a Paris I no longer knew.

The whole experience had such a dreamlike quality of unreality, that it is difficult now to set down clearly the things I saw and learned. The tragic change in France and the French is so great that it must be seen to be realized.

Pessimism Pervades Land

You have the inescapable impression, from the moment you enter the country, that France is through for a long time as a first-rate power. Apathy and pessimism pervade the land. The people are beaten, they admit it. They seem a people grown old and weary, no longer possessing that vitality and sense of national pride necessary to maintaining an empire or a first place in the world, but rather only a desire to retire to the comforts of old age.

But the appalling fact that dawns on you gradually and finally hits you right between the eyes is that France and America, though non-belligerent, are working on opposite sides in a war for the first time since the French and Indian wars in the early eighteenth century.

France today, against the will of 95 per cent. of her population, is the ally of Germany in every practical sense short of the military. In other words, economically and industrially.

This talk about collaboration or non-collaboration in Vichy is "eye-wash." Collaboration is a fact, and has been for months. About 90 per cent. of French industry is working on German order. There is no choice. It is work for German order or shut down because of in inability to obtain raw materials, or because of strangling German restrictions. The bulk of French industry is located in the occupied two-thirds of the country.

Opposing Belligerents

Moreover, there is danger that collaboration will be carried to even greater lengths. One of the keenest men I know in France, who for obvious reasons cannot be named, told me: "I think that before this war is ended, it is entirely possible that France and America may be belligerents on opposing sides."

While 95 per cent. of the population is anti-German and hope for a British victory, they are passive. With a very few rare exceptions, they have no fight left in them and couldn't do anything even if they had. The other, pro-German 5 per cent. have all the power of German propaganda and German arms behind them. They are aggressive, ambitious men who have wagered not only their careers, but their very lives on German victory. They are desperate and will stop at nothing to see England defeated.

M. Pierre Laval, for example, knows and admits to friends that his life is forfeit unless the German victory is complete.

Most dangerous man at the moment, however, is Admiral Jean Francis Darlan, who as Vice-Premier nominated successor to Marshal Petain's dictatorship, Minister of Navy, Foreign Affairs and interior, is the current "strong man" of unoccupied France.

Darlan Power-mad

Darlan has become power-mad and will drag the French Fleet into the war against England if he can manage it, according to sober opinion in both Vichy and Paris. He is as much Germany's man as M. Laval is, but is even more dangerous because of his direct command of the Fleet and because he enjoys a better position in the opinion of the French public than the hated Laval. The public still thinks of Ad. Darlan as a career navy man, not as a violently ambitious politician. It is not yet aware of his game.

Round the first of the year Darlan had a secret meeting with Hitler in the north of France, details of which have never been published.

Although official sources deny this, I learned from an absolutely reliable authority that Hitler at that time gave Darlan a written memorandum. The memorandum was purported to have said, in effect:

"We have not the slightest interest in the internal politics of France, we are at the moment concerned with much more important things. But, we are interested in the role France will have to play in the new order at conclusion of the war. And we shall be watching with interest how she, in the meantime, feeds her population, manages her fleet and her colonies, and keeps her sea lines open. Upon the way in which the discharges these responsibilities of a Sovereign State, will be judged her position and rights after the war."

Denunciations of Britain

The implication was clear. The admiral came back to Vichy "full of beans and spinach." He redoubled his denunciations of the British for whom he makes no effort to conceal his enmity. He began talking openly for the first time of sailing against the British unless they ceased halting French ships.

His statements grew preposterous. He began saying, for example, that the British Fleet was no good anyway and that he would probably dispose of it with his own. Responsible French naval men became concerned and Darlan had to send a message of reassurance to officers of the fleet at Toulon that they would not be called on to sail against the British.

But on February 27, in the Hotel Thermal at Vichy, the irrepressible Darlan in a speech before the French Legion again threatened to sail against the British if they stopped any more French ships. (Must of the cargo of these ships, including such foods as citrus fruits, is for German consumption). He added he thought the British were doomed to defeat.

A week later he went to Paris where he conferred with M. Laval, M. Abetz, and General Keitel. Upon his return to Vichy he announced the French Fleet would convey its merchant ships if any more were halted by the British blockade. This was an extremely clever move. For while it is extremely unlikely that Ad. Darlan could hand over the fleet outright to the Germans, or order it to sail against the British—it is believed the fleet would mutiny before accepting any such orders—it is quite likely that the order to convoy French merchant ships would be obeyed without question. The end result would be the same, conflict with the Royal Navy.

American and British diplomacy took the wind out of the Admiral's sails at this time with the announcement that food ships would be sent from America, provided there was American control of distribution.

Comedy of Sham Independence

It was sad experience to see Paris as it is. But Vichy was even worse.

Skvirsky.

President of Ministering Children's League

Mrs. G. E. Marden, as President of the Ministering Children's League, is busily engaged with the arrangements for the Ministering Children's League Fun Fair which takes place at the Race Club on May 31.

It is a political madhouse in which the dreary comedy of sham independence is played daily. Old Marshal Petain stands alone there, the one disinterested and patriotic figure, in a maelstrom of selfishness, cynism and advantage-seeking, which is as bad or worse than it ever was under the republic.

There is such hardship and deprivation in France, but really serious suffering, on a widespread scale, is not expected until next winter. There will be a grave food shortage then.

If food is permitted to pass the blockade, Germany undoubtedly will be helped, for the Germans are steadily seizing a portion of the imports that come into Marseilles and Germany continues to requisition foodstuffs in the unoccupied area. But if the blockade is clamped on, the people who will starve will be the friends of the Allies and the helpless poor. You can be sure the pro-German 5 per cent. won't go hungry. They get everything they need now, and more and "sans ticket" at that.

54 Attempts Made To Invade Britain, Say Historians

London, May 24.

CHANCELLOR Adolf Hitler's invasion plans are an old story to British historians, who list the anticipated German programme as number fifty-five in a long list of attacks on the coastline of the British Isles.

The "Daily Mail" thirty-two years ago published an—"invasion map of England" revealing that through the centuries the United Kingdom had been invaded 54 times—twice by John Paul Jones during the Revolutionary War period when he was attacking English shipping.

Few of the attackers have been able to make their invasions stick—and even the historians agree that invasion Number 55, if it materializes, is going to be the most difficult of the lot.

German soldiers landed 2,000 strong away back in 1486—but they were just part of a parade of Normans, Danes, Dutch, French, Italians and Spanish. In the words of the "Daily Mail" historian "Few who came to strafe remained to slay..."

The American navy captain, Jones, successfully attacked the Scottish port of Whitehaven in 1778, landing his sailors to scuttle docked ships and burn part of the quays. Jones also attacked Leith.

Strange Sortie

One of the strangest sorties involved the German troops when a 10-year-old boy, son of an Oxford tradesman, led them and an Irish Force in a landing at Fourdray on the coast of Lancashire. He was Lambert Simnel, a puppet Pretender set up by the Yorkist Kildare to overthrow the Lancastrian Henry VII. Henry himself had won the throne by invasion with the aid of 3,000,000 Frenchmen.

It was the first and only time German soldiers had landed in England. They were defeated at the village of East Stoke, Nottinghamshire, and their general, Marten Schwarz, was killed. Henry gave the would-be King Lambert a job as a turnspit in his kitchen.

In 1667, the streets of London echoed to the roar of guns from the Dutch fleet which sailed up the Thames burned Chatham dockyard and captured one of England's finest men-o'-war. But this was the 32nd invasion attempt.

Twenty-one years later, William of Orange led the only successful large-scale invasion. He sailed into Torbay with 600 transport boats and 50 men-o'-war and entered England with 13,000 men. Historians describe this as more of a response to an invitation than an invasion. There was no battle.

During Shakespeare's day there also was much talk of invasion, when Philip of Spain cast ambitious eyes toward the powerful islands north of him. He formed a sixteenth century axis with Italy and chose the southwest coast of Ireland as the point of attack. Four times—in 1579, 1580, and twice in 1601—the Spaniards came but never conquered.

Napoleon Bonaparte had similar dreams. His theory was that the best way of invading England was through Ireland or southwest Wales. But these attempts were historic failures.

Napoleon's Dream

The last time an enemy force succeeded in making a landing on the soil of England, Scotland, Ireland or Wales was in 1798—but many conquerors still think about it. During the World War the German High Command was reported in the "Frankfurter Zeitung" to be making widespread naval plans for control of the North Sea, making the British Isles vulnerable to attack. The German press also carried plans for the "invasion" citing use of flatbottomed boats, pontoons to be towed by motor launches and torpedo boats, but this manœuvre never developed during the last war.—United Press.

Handsome Prizes at M. C. L. Fun Fair

The tombola at the annual Ministering Children's League Fun Fair is an institution, but this year the prizes will be something very extra special. Lovely things have been presented in order to attract the dollars. A tombola has this advantage—one does not have to wait before knowing the luck. One dollar will buy two spills—unfold the spills and one knows at once of the fortune to win, say, a silver tea set, porcelain tea set, table lamp, wrist watch, silver clock, or a piece of the last word in costume jewellery from the U.S.A. These are only a few chosen at random from among the wonderful prizes to be won on Saturday at the Race Club, where this year's M.C.L. Fun Fair will take place.

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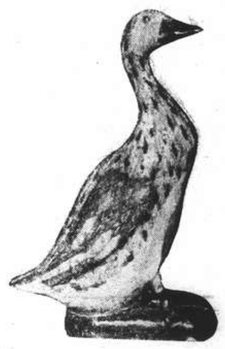
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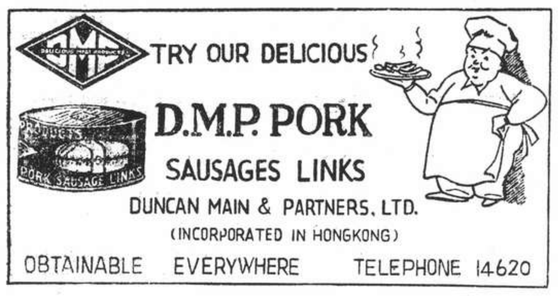

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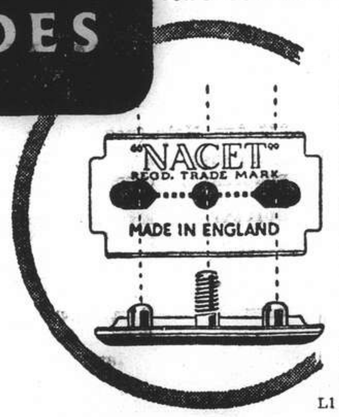

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Indian Moslem Leaders Denounce Rashid Ali

Simla, May 24.

A Moslem ruler, the Nawab of Rampur, yesterday denounced the "stupendous folly and reckless ambition of a usurper and a Quisling" in referring to the Iraqi rebellion in a statement.

"Rashid Ali's treachery," declared the Nawab, "has come as a great shock to all devout Moslems. The independence of Iraq was gained with the help of the British, not forgetting the contribution made by India and her people. That hard earned independence is now in grave danger.

"By admitting the Axis into the very heart of the Middle East, Rashid Ali has jeopardized the security of all surrounding Moslem countries. There are a thousand and one patches of holy, sacred ground in Iraq, dear to all Moslems of the world.

"In the name of God, the Prophet and his family, I raise my voice in protest against the sacrilege and treachery of which Rashid Ali has been guilty."—Reuter.

Another Condemnation

Delhi, May 24.

The action of Rashid Ali, the Iraqi rebel leader, backed by German funds, has created many complications for India, declared Sir Sultan Ahmad, former acting member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, commenting on recent developments in the Near East.

He supports a suggestion for a conference of provincial premiers, made by Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, and Fazlul Huq, Premier of Bengal.

Emphasizing that time is a most important factor in the present situation, he appealed to the whole country to share with America, Britain and other units of the Commonwealth in the effort to save humanity from total destruction by brute force.

Sir Sultan Chinoy, a prominent Muslim leader, declared, "It is in the interest of the Muslim world that a united effort should be made to prevent spread of the catastrophe."—Reuter.

Loyalty to Britain

Lucknow, May 24.

A crowded meeting of Shias (a section of Muslims) yesterday passed a resolution resenting the "treachery of Rashid Ali against the Iraqi Government and his declaration of war against the British Government."

The meeting reaffirmed loyalty to the British Government and the belief that the British Government would safeguard the sacred shrines of Iraq.—Reuter.

New Ruler Prays For British Victory

Bombay, May 24.

Kerala Varma, the new Maharaja of Cochin, was installed at Gadi at a picturesque durbar yesterday in the presence of high officials and non-officials of the state.

Lieut.-Colonel G. P. Murphy, Resident of Madras State, read a proclamation recognizing Kerala Varma as the lawful heir and successor to the Throne. This was greeted by three volleys of musketry and the State band playing the Cochin state anthem.

The Resident conveyed a special message from the Crown representative, in replying to which the Maharaja said that he had called at Gadi at a moment when the world was passing through one of the greatest crises in history.—Reuter.

Worship Of Idols Forbidden

TEXT:—"*Thou shalt not make to Thyself any graven image...My little children keep yourselves from idols,* Exodus 20, 4-6. I. John 5, 20.

A SERMON preached by Dean Trivett at Bubbling Well Chapel. The first commandment contains the self-disclosure of God and lays the basis of all true worship. God is revealed as a Person ....a Spiritual Being above and apart from the world He has created. A God that can receive the worship of mankind, and by the manner of His revelation of Himself as deliverer, evoking it. Now the second commandment safeguards the manner of that worship. The first commandment teaches that there is one God and one alone.

The second commandment teaches that since God is a Spirit men must worship Him in spirit and in truth. It forbids the worship of God under the form of any material likeness. It forbids the making of any image or idol or picture, either as an object of worship, or in aid to worship. The commandment is emphatic and the penalty for disobedience is the heaviest possible. Under the conditions of the Sinaitic covenant, idolatry could not be tolerated in any form or under any condition. Religiously it was a sin—involving dishonour to God and bringing falsehood into the creed of the community. Politically it was a crime—an act of treason against the divine head of the state . . the supreme lawgiver and magistrate of the theocracy. Personally it was likewise wrong for it was, like adultery, a breach of a sacred contract, it was unfaithfulness to the covenant contract by which Israel took Jehovah for their Lord.

Israel's Task

Israel was called to no easy task. In an age when all men held a belief in many gods and revered their gods under endless forms Israel was to stand for the unity and spirituality of God. True it was the faith of the Patriarchs—Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, but 400 years had passed and the people had adopted many of the customs of Egypt where idolatry was rife and now they were going to Canaan where the nations were equally defiled with idols. And if Israel was to fulfil its great mission it must not only be cleansed from all heathen practices herself, but as well educated up to its high destiny as the witness to the world of true ideas in regard to God..a pure monotheism and a spiritual worship. The history of many a century to come was to be the record of a dark and bitter struggle waged by these higher truths, not only against the downward propensities of Israel itself, but also against the tremendous pressure of paganism all around. In the light of this history it is not difficult to understand the sweeping nature of the command that was laid upon them. Hardly had the thunders which accompanied the giving of the law ceased when we find them making and worshipping a golden calf and it was but the first of a well nigh constant infringement of the law. Intolerance was the sole condition of maintaining the purity of the faith hence the sweeping nature of the command. There could be no parleying—no making of terms with polytheistic idolatry.

Polytheism Discredited

Now, the first commandment meets with universal approval today in Christendom. Polytheism is discredited everywhere. Science and religion present a united front in regard to the unity of God, but the modern world is not so ready to accept the second. It is possible to make a plausible and attractive case for the use of material aids to devotion. Its sponsors prefer the use of that word to the use of the word image. Let us look at a few of these arguments and then consider their weakness and further consider the sanctions that underlie the prohibition contained in this commandment. It is argued that, "no-one supposes that figure of wood, or stone, or gold, is a real God. It is regarded as being only the symbol of an unseen presence and to that unseen presence the worship is really offered." They tell us that, "Most minds experience a real difficulty in fixing the attention, or engaging the affections upon an unembodied, featureless personality." And then they bolster up their case by the argument that, "There is a general tendency for mankind to employ in its approaches to the unseen some tangible and visible assistance, some emblem at least if not an image, as a peg on which to fasten the wavering thoughts." Further, it is argued that the worshipper must in any case frame for himself a mental image or notion; and, therefore, "Since we cannot help conceiving God in our thoughts under forms where can the harm be of assisting ourselves to realize His presence by outward forms and symbols although these are confessedly unworthy." Again, those who advocate the use of images and symbols claim that through such assistance the ignorant are enabled to worship better. They point us to the devout and reverent worship of those who are obviously in earnest—who feel that they have been in the presence of God as they venerate the images provided in the shrines, that through the influence of pictures and images and the cult of the Saints, the weak are strengthened and enabled to live better lives.

Now, it is all very plausible, but not convincing. Because it appeals to the human heart does not necessarily commend it. There are many things which seem natural to the human heart which no amount of casuistry can justify and I would premise that the second commandment is as necessary to us today as it was when it was first promulgated in the childhood of the race. In a very real sense, as I shall hope to show you, obedience to it is the condition of progress both mentally and morally. And first of all, I would say that idol worship stands condemned by experience. The whole history of paganism as well as debased Christianity has proven without a doubt that the employment of material representations as an aid to worship tends in the long run to degrade both the divinity and the worshipper. The use of material aids to worship dishonours God—it degrades Him.

Representations Are Inadequate

In the first place, all visible and material representations are hopelessly inadequate to convert any true idea of His Majesty and glory, and then the law of association of ideas leads irresistably to a confusion of identity. The material object becomes holy and God is in a very real sense limited to the object and the place. The result is a localized and emasculated presence. Take for instance, the use of the Crucifix which I take for an illustration as being the most prevalent symbol in the Christian world. It is the dying Christ that it represents, and it leads to the exclusion in the mind of the worshipper of the ideas of the living, reigning Christ. It is impossible to preserve a sense of God's pure spirituality when He is always adored as locally present to the senses in the form of a piece of matter, and there is a correspondingly reflex injury done to the worshipper and his worship. There is an invariable rule—like God, like worshipper. And the less spiritual God is conceived to be, the less spiritual does the worship become which is rendered Him. There is a tendency of formalism, excessive ritual and routine and the next step on the downward path is superstition and magic. To a material divinity belongs a mechanical or non-moral religion. If one prays so long before the crucifix that he cannot pray without it, it becomes no longer an aid to devotion, but a positive hindrance to the user's regilious life.

But when we turn from such methods of representing God under material forms to those purely mental conceptions which we are able to form of Him we become aware of a great difference. We were facing down before—now we are facing upward. It is not that the idol is an unworthy representation of God while the conception of the mind is a worthy one, but the mental impression is capable of being improved—it tends to elevate itself with the upward tendency in human knowledge, assimilating each new revelation, while the material idol hampers progress and tends only to a further degradation. This is capable of illustration. In childhood we naturally conceive of God in terms of humanity, endowing Him in our mental conception with the admirable qualities of parent or hero, but as we grow to man's estate and in knowledge our idea of God is purged and purified of all the baser elements or imperfections of humanity and viewed as being the perfection of all that we know and conceive of as being best in our human nature.

An Ideal Height

Our noblest faculties are: Reason—or the power to perceive truth, Conscience—or the power to prefer and choose the good over the evil, and free will—or the power to originate action. These, therefore, are raised to an ideal height and made the attributes of the divine being. We adore Him as infallible reason—faultless goodness and absolute will. Now better than this we cannot do—higher than this we cannot go, but each day, each new experience may add something to the richness of the conception we have of Him. The tendency is ever upward. Now, are we correct in virtually finding an image or reflection of our Maker within ourselves, in crediting Him with being the perfect model or arch-type after whose likeness our own moral and spiritual form has been fashioned? To this question Revelation gives two answers. The first is in word, where in Genesis one we read that God said, "Let us make man in our likeness." The second is in fact, when the Son of God was made flesh and we beheld His glory. The anthropomorphisms of the Old Testament lead up to the Incarnation in the New.

The Spirit of Jesus

In the New Testament pages we have set before us a representation of God human and, therefore, conceivable to man. Yet, and mark this carefully, not a likeness in a material or visible sense. It is not the flesh of our Lord which mirrors the Father, but His immaterial character The flesh of Jesus profited nothing as a representation of the divine glory, but the spirit of Jesus—His words that are spirit—His acts that discover character—His self-revelation as righteous love. What He was in Himself this reveals God to us. In the light of what we have considered we can see that if the Most High designed to train Israel and through Israel the whole world to the loftiest and truest notions of Himself attainable by man, He must begin by placing a stern veto upon those material representations which could only fetter their religion down to the pagan level.

Purity of Worship

The philosophy at the back of the commandment is plain. Israel had no need to make gods of wood and stone because they had for worship a God who had been clearly revealed in the facts of their national life, and had spoken to them through the Prophets. They had a God who had appeared to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, who ruleth the heavens and the earth, who sits a King on high; a God who had worked miracles on their behalf, rescuing them from bondage in Egypt. And, further, only by preserving the purity of their worship could he prepare them and through them the world for the fuller revelation. If they conceived of Him in wood and stone—the perishable works of men's hands—it was impossible for Him to reveal Himself to them as eternal, invisible, immortal, the Creator of the ends of the earth. Only as they conceived of Him, apart from material representations, could they know Him in the fullest sense that He was Holy and, therefore, could not be enshrined in visible things; that His house could not be made with hands, but was in the human heart; that He grasps the whole world and yet can rejoice in the companionship of a little child.

The Penalty

Now, just one word and I have finished. Verse five tells what will happen if we break this commandment. Some think the penalty out of proportion and question why the crime should be punished not only in him who commits it, but in his unborn children and their children's children. The criticism, however, if levelled at all lies not against this commandment, but rather against the divine order of human society; for if, as is most certain, every new age inherits confusion, difficulty and suffering from the follies and crimes of the ages that have preceded them.. if the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge..the reverse is also true, and we never find any object to the benefits which we inherit from our ancestors. There is no province of human life in which we are not reaping golden harvests which were sown for us by men of other generations. They cleared the forests and drained the marshes—ours are the rich pastures and the fenced cornfields. The same is true of the many mechanical inventions which make our modern world, apart from war, such a pleasant place to live in. Who wrought out our just laws and political institutions? Do we not owe them in their entirety to the courage and the sacrifices of past generations? Whence come our treasures of literature—that very stability of character which distinguishes our race and of which we are so justly proud, but that same unity of the race by which we have inherited that which blesses us, renders it inevitable that the results of the folly and vice of the past should also be entailed. The tares which our fathers have sown must be ours as well as the wheat, and yet the commandment suggests that the righteousness of men endures longer than their sins. I need not illustrate the fact, but we thank God for the fact.

Hope Expressed for Batavia Talks

London, May 23.

Despite alarming reports from Tokyo regarding the Batavia parleys, Netherlands circles here pointed out that there was no reason why the parley should not reach a satisfactory conclusion if only "prudence" was shown.

It was opined that the parley was going on satisfactorily so far and that the Japanese delegation was carrying out difficult negotiations "tactfully."

On the other hand, it was deplored that the real position of the Netherlands Government was so little understood in Japan.—Domei.

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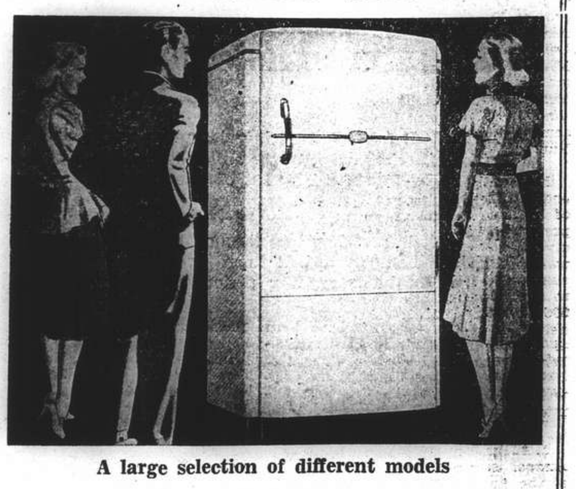

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ANOTHER broadcast entitled "Uncensored News From Norway" will be delivered by Mr. K. A. Persen over XMHA at 9.30 p.m. today.

A RUSSIAN employee of the Shanghai Power Co. fell from a scaffolding at 10.50 a.m. yesterday and was rushed to the General Hospital in an S.F.B. emergency ambulance. His condition is not serious.

MR. Risaburo Toyoda, President of the Toyoda Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company and the Toyoda Jido-Kikai Sales Company, arrived in Shanghai by air on Saturday, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported.

APPROXIMATELY $500 in cash enriched four robbers, one of them armed with a pistol, who visited a Chinese dwelling at 31/4 Wuting Road at 5.45 a.m. yesterday. The gangsters had no difficulty in making their escape.

THERE will be a general meeting of the members of the Royal Asiatic Society, North China Branch in the Society's Auditorium at 20 Museum Road on Thursday 5.30 p.m. Members of the Society are cordially requested to attend.

TODAY'S programmes from XCDN include a Symphony Concert at 2 p.m. and a popular Concert Hall at 10 p.m. Children's half hour at 4 p.m., Pomping Vila playing the Hammon organ at 8.30 and a Frank Barry feature programme at 9.30 p.m.

AN Austrian-Jewish refugee is at the Japanese Naval Landing Party today, following an accident in which he was knocked down by a Japanese car at the corner of East Seward and Kungping Roads at 10.36 a.m. yesterday. He sustained laceration of scalp and right shoulder.

ENTHUSIASTIC admirers of the Radio Rascals' in "XCDN Calling" will have their last opportunity of hearing this group play tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. from XCDN. Three of the musicians are joining the forces and the group, of necessity, must be disbanded after tomorrow's performance.

MR. Yutaro Hanawa and Mr. Setsu Aoki were reelected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship, respectively, of the Shanghai Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry at its fifth regular general meeting held at the Nippon Club on Boone Road on Friday afternoon, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

MR. Gengo Sakabe, formerly of the Japanese Consulate at Heihe, Manchoukuo, who has been appointed Japanese Vice-Consul here in succession to Mr. Masatsune Matsuda, transferred to the Japanese Consulate in Manchouli, will arrive in Shanghai on June 2, in the ss. Taivo Maru, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

A CHINESE cyclist had to part with his vehicle at about 11.15 p.m. on Friday when he had the misfortune to meet two unarmed highwaymen on Singkeipang Road, a little distance from East Yuhang Road. One of the robbers pretended he was armed and this idea worked for the victim gave up his bicycle without much ado. The robbers spoke local dialect.

THERE will be pony rides for the children at the annual Fun Fair of the Ministering Children's League to be held on May 31, at the Race Club. Mrs. Hugh Maitland will be in charge of this, and will also look after the goldfish and tuttle stall. There will a special sports section at the Fair, to be run by Messrs. E. S. Barraclough and J. A. Stericker.

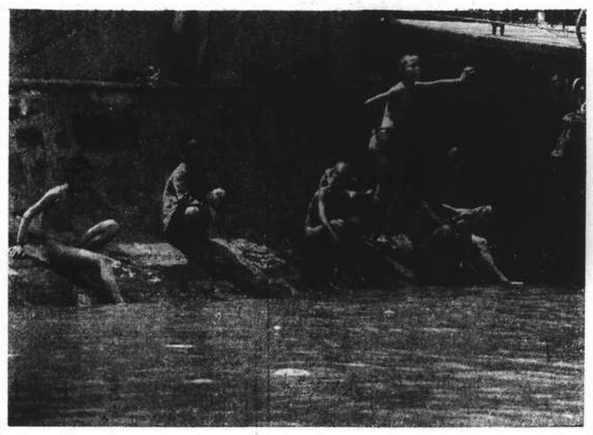
A JOINT meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society (N.C.B.) and the International Institute of China will be held in the Wu-Lien-Teh Hall of the R.A.S Building, 20 Museum Road, on Thursday at 5.30 p.m., when a lecture will be given by Professor Donald Roberts of St. John's University on the subject "Interpretation of Chinese History." The meeting is open to the public.

A YOUNG Chinese attempted to commit suicide by taking lysol yesterday morning. He is at present at Paulun Hospital, where his chances to survive are said to be fair. The victim was reported to be Kong Sung-foh, about 25 years of age. He engaged room 137 at the Toong Saung Lodging House at 42 Avenue Road two or three days ago and was discovered in his present condition by a servant. No reason is known for the attempted suicide.

DURING the past year ended January 28, 1941, the national savings fund campaign launched in Yunnan netted over CN$24,000,000, the largest single amount contributed by any province, states a report from Kunming to the "Chinese American Daily News." Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, has sent a congratulatory message to General Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government. A second campaign has now been launched in Yunnan, the report adds.

THE police report for the week ending May 24, showed a decrease of 34 cases in comparison to the previous week, the total being given as 340. The largest decrease was in burglary cases, the number being only fourteen in comparison to 27 last week. The police arrested 396 persons during the week, a decrease of 74, and identified 111 as old offenders. The largest number of arrests was made in connection with larceny cases, and 67 were identified out of 142 taken into custody.

THE Russian Philatelic Society's Annual Stamp Bourse will be held at the Russian Club at 1053 Avenue Foch, opposite Hart Road, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 8. The auction of rare and selected lots will take place at 6 p.m., while latest stamp novelties, including all varieties of Chinese provincial issues (five cent stamps surcharged as three cent stamps) will also be exhibited. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. It may be added that these functions have proven popular in the past and have always attracted large numbers of philatelists.



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Harbingers of Summer

These young urchins, seen sunning themselves after a cooling dip in the muddy Whangpoo water on the Bund foreshore yesterday afternoon, are a sign that summer with all its inconveniences once again has arrived to make Shanghai perspire, and perspire freely, for the next few months. Clad in the suits that nature gave them, these youngsters were not envious of the rest of Shanghai yesterday.

Roosevelt Expected To Make Momentous Speech May 27

Washington, May 24.

WHEN about 50,000,000 Americans tune in to President Roosevelt on Tuesday it is expected here that they will be told of the "mortal danger" in which they stand if the Battle of the Atlantic goes against England, that the United States can only be defended if the whole hemisphere is defended, for which reason it is necessary to extend the Monroe Doctrine to the eastern Atlantic, including the west African bulge, and possibly that Nazi submarines are pirates and must be dealt with accordingly.

What the President will say is naturally known only to himself and his closest associates. It is a closely guarded secret, but there is wide assumption that he cannot but follow the path already blazed by the speeches of Col. Frank Knox, Navy Secretary, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Col. Henry Stimson, War Secretary, and Mr. Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, all of whom recently, and with his approval addressed the country on the perils confronting it and the necessity of seeing that American tools are put into British hands.

Indications Sought

These speeches are being carefully read again for straws which may show how the President will blow on Tuesday, and his own recent cryptic utterances are being examined for the same purpose.

The emphasis which Colonels Stimson and Knox recently placed on the desirability of repealing the Neutrality Act has led many to believe that President Roosevelt will stress this as a necessity, but well-informed circles deem it relatively unimportant and likely to result in endless Congressional debate, with isolationist filibustering, at a time when urgency demands fast action.

Means of Taking Steps

It is more likely that the President is seeking means of taking steps under his powers as Commander-in-Chief, for which Congressional approval could come later.

Several well-informed sources have been declaring for some time that the President continues to be against convoys, because convoys mean shooting, and shooting means war, but that his plans to defeat U-boats would be as effective as convoys.

Treating the submarine menace as piracy may be an explanation of these plans.

The reported possibility of an extension of the Monroe Doctrine to include the entire Atlantic plus the West African bulge arises from the known opinion of naval and military advisers to the Government that successful defence of the United States involves defence of the whole hemisphere, and that unless a line from the waters of Britain southwards through Dakar is held by the United States or friendly forces, South America would be vulnerable from many points.

Action Necessary

President Roosevelt's speech is expected by many to accept this as the view of the Government, and to take necessary action, and that action is believed definitely necessary now that Vichy has apparently delivered the French Empire to the Nazis.

There is little speculation in the press regarding the contents of the speech, but its importance is widely recognized, and that it will probably be an important milestone in American history and foreign policy.

Gravity of Hour

The gravity of the hour is more widely recognized daily and in the education of the American people to their peril Admiral Darlan must receive thanks for his agreement with Hitler—the biggest psychological shock Americans received since the astonishing collapse of France a year ago.

Surveys of public opinion tend to show that the President will have the majority of the country behind him in almost any forward move he decides to make. There are many here who think that May 27 may be a date to remember in all Democratic calendars for many years to come.—Reuter.

Women Of America Vote Full Aid To Britain

Atlantic City, May 24.

A general session of the American Federation of Women's Clubs, representing over 2,000,000 American club women, yesterday endorsed all-out aid to Britain. Mrs. John Whitehurst, Federation President, said that the endorsement "means we approve whatever aid is necessary—convoys, or sending our boys across the ocean."

Mr. Adolf Berle, Assistant Secretary of State and one of the original members of President Roosevelt's "brain trust" told the federation that the United States must act in the present emergency.

"We are facing an attempt at military and naval domination of the world by a European power," he said. "We have come to the point where the attempt is nearing the New World. From here out we have to rely on our own strength and our own ability to act where necessary. This is the only way we can keep ourselves even approximately safe."—United Press.

Gen. Jan Smuts Made Field-Marshal

Pretoria, May 24.

In honour of his 71st birthday, General Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, has been appointed Field-Marshal.

The following is the text of the message the King has sent the Prime Minister from Buckingham Palace:

"It gives me particular pleasure on this your birthday to appoint you Field-Marshal in the British Army. Your promotion to the highest military rank will be warmly welcomed in this country, not only for your own great and devoted services, but as the leader of a people whose fighting men have been playing a most brilliant part in the victorious campaign in East Africa. I send you my heartiest congratulations and best wishes."—Reuter.

Senate Approves Sales To Philippines

Washington, May 24.

The Senate passed and sent to the White House for signature a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to sell to the Philippines materials needed for the Commonwealth defence programme. Congress previously passed legislation authorizing the Secretary of War to sell defence materials to the Philippines at his discretion.—United Press

SHIPPING NEWS

The Dairen Kisen Kaisya **Hokko Maru** left for the northern ports yesterday morning. The freighter arrived in port on Friday and tied up at the lower buoys 13 and 15. She brought a full load of coal for local discharge.

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The ss. **Tientsin Maru** of the Dairen Kisen Kaisya Line, operating between Shanghai, Tsingtao and Dairen, made port yesterday morning and berthed alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf in Yangtszepoo. The steamer will sail on her return voyage to the northern ports at 3 p.m. today. Passengers are requested to embark at least half an hour before sailing time. Registered and ordinary mail for the steamer will close at the General Post Office at 10 a.m. today.

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The D.K.K. **Hoten Maru**, running between Shanghai, Tsingtao and Dairen, is expected to make port tomorrow afternoon and will dock alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf in Yangtszepoo. The steamer will remain here until 9 a.m. on Wednesday when she will sail on her return voyage.

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The trans-Pacific liner **President Taft**, of the American President Lines, arrived in Shanghai yesterday afternoon from Manila and Hongkong, a few hours behind her schedule. She brought a large number of passengers, southern mail and a quantity of cargo for local discharge. Passengers were brought ashore by tender and arrived at the Customs Jetty at 3 p.m. President Taft, which is under the command of Capt. O. A. Pierson, leaves her mooring at buoys 12 and 13, early this morning, on her homeward trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles, calling at Yokohama and Honolulu, but omitting Kobe.

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The s.s. **President Cleveland** is due here from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Honolulu at about 1 p.m. today when she will tie up at the lower buoys 12 and 13. In addition to bringing the next American mail here, the liner, which is under the command of Capt. W. H. Weaver, Jr. U.S.N.R., is bringing a number of travellers and a complement of cargo for discharge here. Passengers will disembark by tender, the Merry Moller, arriving at the Customs Jetty at 2 p.m. She will remain in port until 9.30 p.m. tomorrow when she will sail for Hongkong and Manila on her homeward voyage. The last boarding tender will take passengers and light baggage, leaving the Customs Jetty at 8 p.m.

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The undermentioned vessels are due to leave Shanghai on the dates indicated

For Capetown
P Monroe 29/5

For New York
P Monroe 29/5
Nankai M 28/6

For Los Angeles
P Cleveland 8/6
P Coolidge 19/6

For San Fco.
P Cleveland 3/6
P Coolidge 19/6

For Seattle
West Cuseta 3/6
Cape Flattery 28/6

For Manila
P Cleveland 26/5
Kamakura M 27/5
P Monroe 29/5
West Cuseta 3/6
P Coolidge 4/6

For Manila
Asama M 24/6
Cape Flattery 28/5

For Hongkong
P Cleveland 26/5
P Monroe 29/5
West Cuseta 3/6
P Coolidge 4/5
Cape Flattery 28/5

For Kobe and Yokohama
Taivo M 25/5
P Cleveland 8/6
P Coolidge 19/6

For Nagasaki
Nagasaki M 26/5
Kobe M 28/5
Shanghai M 29/5

For Dairen
Tientsin M 25/5
Hoten M 28/5
Tsingtao M 31/5
Tientsin M 3/6
Hoten M 6/6

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From **PACIFIC PORTS:** Pres. Cleveland, with mail, due 12 noon. Buoys 12-13. Passengers are expected at the Customs Jetty about 1 p.m.

From **NAGASAKI:** Nagasaki Maru, with mail, due 4 p.m., Wayside Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

STRAITS AND INDIA

From Calcutta
Toyooka M — 27/5

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York
P Monroe — 28/5
Nankai M — 27/6

From Los Angeles
K'kura M 14/4 26/5
Yawata M 28/4 2/6
P Coolidge — 3/6
Asama M 12/5 23/6

From Seattle
W Cuseta 10/5 1/6
Coldbrook 25/5 16/6

From Honolulu
Asama M 20/5 23/6

From Yokohama
Nagato M — 27/5
Yawata M 17/5 2/6
Anyo M — 6/6

From Kobe
Taiyo M 31/5 2/6
K'kura M 24/5 26/5

From Nagasaki
Kobe M 26/5 27/5

CHINA PORTS

From Dairen
Hoten M 24/5 26/5

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Fooshing	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Guatemala	Bunbury	Dodwel
Hwasung	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Hwaping	T'sunkong	Chung Hu
Kaiping	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Hualu	Hsinkong	Chung Hu
Haikwang	Hongkong	A.P.C.
Tientsin M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Am. Tr. H'derson	Cruise	—
Hohsing	Hongay	Shawhsin
Anwoo	C'hwankong	Chung Hua
Chienshin	Hsinkong	Hwa Chung
Pres. Taft	Hongkong	A.P.L
Chingning M.	Tsungming	Chung Hua
Wukiang	Tientsin	A.P.C
Hwafoong	Hsinkong	Y. S. Kong
Tensei M.	J'chiakong	T. Konsu
Talien	J'chiakong	Wan Woo
Bonho	Hsinkong	Dah Shing
St. V. de Paul	Rangoon	Herlofson

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Husimi M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Chekiang M.	Jap.	Chung Hua
Shanghai M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hokko M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Ehime M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hsingyun M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Fooshing	Chi.	Chung H.a
H. Tseangtah	Am.	T. C. Cheang
Buyo M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Bansyu M.	Jap.	K.U.K.
Santarem	Port.	Hunt. S.
Wanshan M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Takasago M.	Jap.	Y.K.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
Wake	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	1-2 B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	1-2 B

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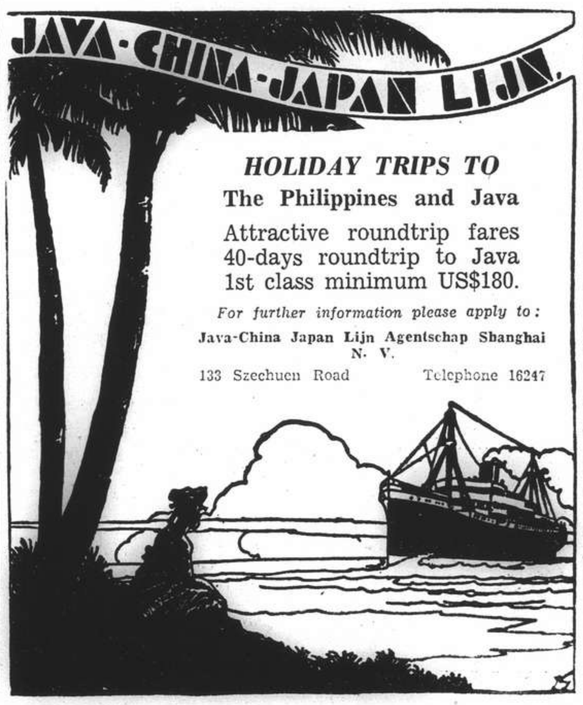
ss. HOTEN MARU ..	(Arrive) May 26	(Leave) May 23	at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU ..	May 29	May 31	at 9 a.m.
ss. TIENTSIN MARU ..	June 2	June 3	at 3 p.m.
ss. HOTEN MARU ..	June 4	June 6	at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU ..	June 7	June 9	at 9 a.m.

DAIREN-TIENTSIN LINE (Sailing from Dairen)
ss. CHOHEI MARU ..... May 31 at noon
ss. MANJYU MARU ..... June 2 at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI-TSINGTAO-TIENTSIN-DAIREN LINE (Freight only)



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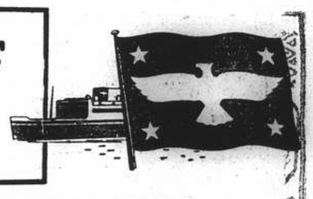

SS. PRESIDENT CLEVELAND
Due Shanghai TODAY, May 25
Passengers are expected at Customs Jetty at 2.00 p.m. DST
Sailing for HONGKONG and MANILA
Last tender leaves Customs Jetty at 8.00 p.m. on MONDAY, May 26

Visitors Not Allowed Aboard Steamers

TRANS-PACIFIC: Via Japan and Honolulu to San Francisco and Los Angeles.
PRES. CLEVELAND .. June 8
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TO HONGKONG AND MANILA
PRES. CLEVELAND .. May 26
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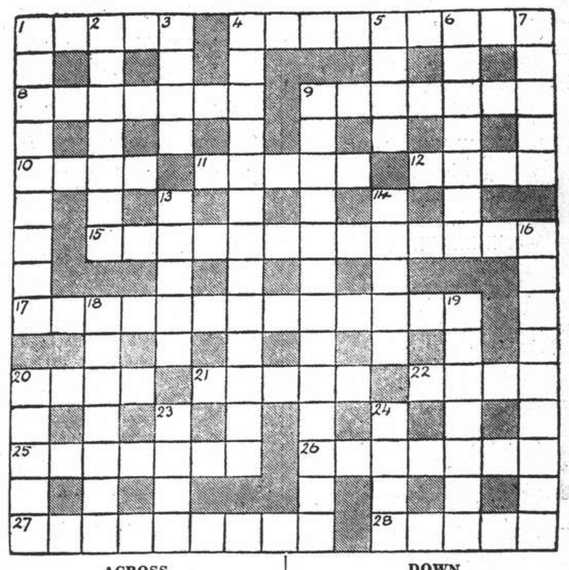

ACROSS

1 Of course this knot will stop progress
4 He draws other things besides cheques
8 Advice to the shot who misses his birds through taking too long is without an object
9 Dance
10 Symbolic of hospitality
11 This fish dies when he gets his tail from the water
12 Chinese idol
15 Conceited
17 Patient or what may make the patient impatient
20 Oddly enough this is generally high ground
21 There's only one girl in this form
22 This plant is much in evidence in times of reoicing
25 Highly praise
26 Not a straightforward escape
27 You will find it is the end of this disease
28 No, fever is not prevalent in this Continental town

DOWN

1 No, it's not the chief seat in a cathedral, but a bit of the harness
2 Barrow
3 These are the enemies of weeds
4 With suspicion
5 It's no use breaking open this meter in the hope of finding coins
6 Famous inventor
7 County that sounds unpopular with wood-workers
9 Ineffectualness that suggests not getting one's dessert
13 Material which is more when curtailed
14 Sounds like a flower but is on the move
16 It is persistent work that is the making of this vehicle
18 Buyers of this Welsh town put it in cellars
19 Not a young female fish; it's most annoying
20 Tenet
23 This glass is a mirror
24 Asiatic money current in Britain

The solution will be published tomorrow

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS**: 8, Tenacity; 9, Yeoman; 10, Forswear; 12, Opined; 14, Bear in mind; 18, Ages; 21, Mullion; 22, Tidings; 23, Rhyl; 25, Fascinated; 28, Dapper; 30, Advocate; 32, Camera; 33, Sundries. **DOWN**: 1, Begone; 2, Mauser; 3, Pine; 4, Oyer; 5, Byword; 6, Godiva; 7, Dane; 11, Armenia; 13, Disused; 14, Bemired; 15, Alley; 16, Ibis; 17, Noticed; 19, Genet; 20, Aden; 24, Lapped; 25, Farman; 26, Accord; 27, Either; 29, Ajar; 30, Also; 31, Vane.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1941

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£ @ 3⅜d.		$ 73.14
U.S. $100 @ 5⅜		$1,860.47
Yen	22⅜	$100
Guilders	10	100
Rupees	18¼	100
Pesos	10⅜	100
Hongkong	$21¾	100

Closing rates 3 5/16 5⅜

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3⅜d.	$ 71.11
U.S. $100 @ 5½	$1,818.00
London—demand, $1=	3⅜d.
4 months' sight credits	3 7/16d.
4 months' sight docts	3 7/16d.
6 months' sight credits	3 7/16d.
6 months' sight docts	3½d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S. $5½
4 months' sight credits	U.S. $5½
4 months' sight docts	U.S. $5 9/16

Closing rates unchanged.

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03½ U.S. $1=59.48d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 3 5/16d. U.S. $5 15/32

Hongkong/London 1/3

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Java Guilders ....Selling 10⅛

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

Buying U.S.$100=$1,818.181 £1=$71.775

Selling U.S.$100=$1,882.352 £1=$73.142

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d per H.H.$ 1

U.S.$ Selling „ @ 9¾ „ H.H.$100

Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 180 per H.H.$100

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing CRB$ or $2.796 @ 183

Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar $5.117

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	3 3/16	3 3/16
U.S. $	5 7/16	5 7/16

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING May		BUYING May/July	
£ T.T.	3 5/16	4 m/s. l.c.	3 7/16
U.S.$ T.T.	5⅜	4 m/c. l.c.	5½
Rs. T.T.	18⅜	15 d/s.	18⅞

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23⅜	23⅜
N.Y. cents per oz troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	62.02	—

Bombay offtake 100 bars.

U.S. $/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

New York closing rate for May 23	4.03½
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.90½
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.91

The local market opened on the basis of yesterday's close with sellers at 3 5/16d. sterling and 5 15/32 U.S.$. Conditions were not very active and quotations remained unchanged throughout the morning. At the close the market was steady and quiet with sellers at:—

3 5/16 Sterling 5 15/32 U.S.$ Cash/June

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, May 24.

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Bombay	1/6
Madrid	40.00	Hongkong	1/3 1/32
Berne	17.30	Singapore	2/4 3/16
Bel. Congo	176½	Yokohama	1/2½
Shanghai	3 11/32d.	.. buying	1/2

New York U.S.$. T. T. on:

Berlin	40.05	Montreal	87.125
Spain	9.25 N.	Brazil	5.05
Paris	2.32	Japan	23.45/48*
Italy	5.05 N.	Hongkong	24.51
S'zerland	23.21	Hungary	19.85
„ "free"	23.24	Finland	2.05
Sweden	23.85	Manila	49.80 N
London			4.03½
Buenos Aires Paper			29.78
„ „ „ market rate			23.75
Montreal on London			4.63

*—Offered N—Nominal.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: May 23.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call money		⅞%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%P 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0⅝%B 0 9/16%A
Call money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Sales in Pesos)

May 23.	Sales 10 a.m.		Prices a.m. Closing	
Atoks	.32			
Antamok	.05	A		
Baguio Gold	.145	B	.1475	B
Batong Buhay	.0075	A	.0075	A
Big Wedge	.335	A	.335	A
Coco Grove	.0625	A	.0625	A
Consolidated Mines	.0016	B	.0016	B
Demonstration	.05	A	.05	A
East Mindanao	.08	B	.08	B
I. X. L.	.22	A	.22	A
Ipo Gold	.05	A	.05	A
Itogen	.16	B	.17	B
Mambulao Consolidated	.01	A	.01	B
Masbate Consolidated	.0325	B	.0325	B
Mine Operations	.055	A	.055	A
North Camarines	.023	B	.023	B
Paracale Gumaus	.24	B	.24	B
San Mauricio	.30	A	.30	A
Surigao Consolidated	.17	B	.17	B
Suyoc	Unq.		.09	B
Syndicate Investment	.022	A	.022	A
United Paracale	.17	A	.17	A
Mindanao Motherlode	.245	B	.25	B
Manila Hai-Alai	7.50	B	7.50	B
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	3.00	A		

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Rubber Speculation

Washington, May 23.

Government officers here today expressed belief that the speculative rise in rubber futures would be curtailed by action today between the government Price Administration and a committee of the New York Commodity Exchange, by which a margin of US$1,200 per contract will be required in futures transactions.

Although the agreement remained subject to confirmation by the commodity exchange board of governors, confirmation was thought to be merely a formality. Unofficially, it was understood that the government contemplated no other action in the near future as regards rubber prices.—United Press.

Share Values

The statistical value of the International Investment Trust Co. of China, Ltd., shares last Friday was $27.64, and of the Yangtsze Finance Co., Ltd., $19.93.

New York Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotation

New York, May 23.

Stock prices on Wall Street today finished with fractional losses, in another dull and uninteresting session.

Rails and specialties stiffened a little, on the belief that yesterday's "washout" was overdone. Bidding, however, was extremely slow and offerings generally dried-up inconclusively and narrowly on the topside.

Many leaders were neglected, with a general inclination to step cautiously, pending the outcomes of the Crete battle, price-ceilings, tha tax programme and labour troubles, while firmer commodities and the prospects of the Loan Bill signature were helpful.

Meanwhile, Mr. Knudson, co-director of the Office of production Management, has indicated that West Coast steel plants have shelved for the time being the scheme favouring the expansion of existing facilities.

The turnover today amounted to 260,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	117.16	116.22	116.73	—0.08
20 Rails	27.79	27.70	27.75	—0.01
15 Utilit.	16.96	16.84	16.90	—0.10
40 Bonds	——	——	91.15	—0.08
11 Commod.	——	——	68.87	+0.44

May	22	23	May	22	23
Adams Exp	5⅝	5½	Int Paper	13½	13⅞
Alg Lud	21	20½	Johns Man	58½	58
Allis Chal	26¾	26½	Kennecott	36½	35⅝
Amer Can	80	80	Libbey O F	29⅝	30
Am Cyan	26¾	36¾	Lockheed	21	20¾
Am For Pr	*0⅝	0⅝	Loew's	28	28½
.. $7 pfd	†17	*17½	Martin	26	*25¾
Am Loco	12	11⅞	Mont Ward	33	33⅞
Am Metal	17¾	*17½	Nat Avian	*7½	7½
Am Radtr	6½	6½	Nat City B	24⅞	*24⅞
Am R Mill	13¾	13¾	Nat Dairy	13⅞	13
Am Smelt	39⅝	39	Nat Dist	19⅞	19⅝
Am Sug	14½	*14⅝	Nat P & L	6½	6⅞
Am T & T	150½	150	Nat Sup	5⅞	6
Am Wtwrks	4½	4	N Y Cent	12	12⅝
Am Tob B	63½	64	Niag Hud	2½	2½
Anaconda	25⅞	25¾	N A Avian	12⅝	12½
Atchison	26½	27	N Am Co	12	12½
Avian Con	2⅞	3	N Pacific	6½	6⅞
Bald Loco	13	13	Packard	2½	2½
Balt & O	3⅝	3½	Paramount	11	11
Barns Oil	9½	9⅝	Penn R R	23½	23⅞
Bendix	33⅞	34⅞	Phil Pet	41	41
Beth Steel	70	69½	Pullman	27½	27⅞
Bliss	14½	14½	Pure Oil	9½	9⅞
Boeing	12⅝	12¾	Radio	3⅝	3⅞
Borg War	16	16½	Reading	*14½	*14½
Briggs	18⅞	19½	Rem Arms	*4½	*4½
Budd	3⅞	3⅞	Rep Avtn	3⅝	3⅝
Can Pac	3¼	3¼	Rep St	18	17½
Celanese	19½	19⅝	Rey Tob B	29⅞	29½
Chase N B	*28⅞	*29	Schenley	9½	9½
Chrysler	56½	55⅝	Shell U Oil	14½	14½
Ches & O	34⅞	34⅝	Soc Vac	9½	9½
Col G & E	2½	2⅝	Sthrn Pac	11	11½
Col Credit	21⅞	22½	Sthrn Rly	22½	23½
Com & Sth	0 5/32	0⅝	Spicer	*29½	*29½
Cons Edis	17⅞	17⅞	Std Brands	5½	5½
Cons Oil	6½	6⅞	Std G & E	*0[illegible]	*0[illegible]
Copld St	14	*13⅞	Std Oil N J	37	36½
Curtis Wr	8	8	Studebaker	4⅞	4⅞
Douglas	66	66	Swift	18½	18½
E P Lead	8	*7⅞	Technicor	8½	8⅝
Du Pont	143½	†142½	Tex Corp	39⅝	39⅞
Elec A Lite	26⅝	26	Transamer	4½	4½
Elec B & S	2	2	Tw Cent	5½	5½
.. $5 pfd	54½	*54½	Un B & P	10½	10½
.. $6 pfd	59⅞	59½	Un Pac	80½	80
Elec P & L	*32½	33½	Un Air	38⅞	38⅞
Flintkote	12⅞	*12	Un A Lines	10	9⅞
Gen Elec	28⅞	28⅞	Un Corp	0½	0⅝
Gen Motor	37⅞	37⅝	.. $3 pfd	21⅞	21½
Gen Rly	13	*12½	Un Gas	6⅝	6⅝
Gen T & R	10⅝	*10½	U S Rub	21⅞	21⅝
Goodrich	12½	12⅞	U S Steel	52½	52½
Goodyear	16⅝	16½	Vanadium	*22⅞	*23
Gt N I Ore	14½	14½	Vultee	5	*4⅞
Gt N Rly	25	25½	Walworth	4½	4
Gt W Sug	*23⅝	24	War Br Pcts	3½	3½
Int Nickel	24½	24⅝	West Elec	87½	88
Int T & T	2½	2½	Woodward	26½	*26½

BONDS

Am For Pr	54⅞	54½	Erie	23½	23⅞
Aust Com	*59	59	Int T & T	46	46½
Brazil	21	21½	New Eng	62½	62½
.. 6½%	17	17½	Sthrn Pac	52½	52⅞
C S P & L	97½	97½	St G & E	88	87⅞

*—Bid. †—Ex Div.

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices ruled irregular today on a dull turnover. War uncertainties and tax fears combined against the market, although business news remained favourable. General Electric has declared a dividend of $0.35 per share.

Japan to Protect Exporters

Tokyo, May 24.

As a step toward the expansion of Japanese foreign trade despite the troubled international situation, the Cabinet yesterday approved a proposal providing for a Y.20,000,000 fund to guarantee Japanese foreign traders against losses contracted on orders due to the war or trade restrictions.

Concrete measures were scheduled to be discussed by the Commerce Ministry and representatives of nine companies including the Japanese Foreign Trade Promotion Company on May 29.

Under the bill, traders will be given up to 80 per cent F.O.B. value in the event the orders cannot be carried out.

The Japanese Foreign Trade Promotion Company, or one of the other nine companies will be the actual purchasers of unshippable goods which they will attempt to export themselves with the losses incurred in the purchase and disposal of goods being reimbursed by the government.

The measure is planned to become effective late next month.—Domei.

N. Y. Market Irregular

New York, May 23.

Trading on the New York Stock Exchange was dull today and prices were irregular, due to uncertainties over the war, taxes and price regulations.

Oils were the most active. Rails were quiet and there was a demand for coppers.

Traders were preoccupied with government commodity prices control activities. Many brokers have been paying their expenses from trading in commodities. Curtailment of speculative buying, therefore, was expected to further curtail Wall Street employment and force some new mergers and closings.

In view of the present doldrums some quarters again were discussing the possibility of increased commission charges, contending higher charges would have little effect on the list.—United Press.

Brokerage Loans Up

New York, May 23.

The Federal Reserve System announced today that brokerage loans last week totalled US$332,000,000 up US$14,000,000 compared to the previous week's total but of US$18,000,000 compared to the total for the corresponding week of 1940.—United Press.

London Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotation

London, May 23.

Business on the London Stock Exchange today was moderate, with week-end considerations responsible for some dwindling of interest. During the late stages of trading British gilt-edged securities were inclined to rally.

Among foreign loans, Brazilian issues improved, but Iraq 4½ per cent. declined from 83 to 80

Textiles and shippings continued to receive support, while oils ruled irregularly, though Trinidad Leaseholds was a good feature.

Kaffirs held steady.—Reuter.

May	22	23
U.K. LOANS		
3½% War Loan (Red.)	£103 5/16	103 5/16
5% Defence Loan	101½	101⅝
CHINESE LOANS		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	38	38
4½% Anglo-French Loan	37	37
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	21	21
5% Reorg Loan, 1913	29	29
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	7—9	7—9
5% Honan Rly., 1905	10	10
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	14	14
5% „ „ „ (Ger. Is.)	13	13
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	9	9
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	14	14
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	10	10
5% „ „ G.	10	10
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	10	10
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	10	10
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	9	9
5% Chinese Imp. Rly.	48	48
JAPANESE BONDS		
5% Sterling Loan, 1907	23	22½
6% Sterling Loan, 1924	25½	27
BANKS AND INSURANCE		
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8⅞	8⅞
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	75	75
„ „ „ (Col. Rtg.)	76 N	76 N
Mercantile Bank of India	11	11
National Bank of India	31	31
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	22	22
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALS		
Bristol Aeroplane	10/-	10/-
B'tish American Tobacco	88/9	88/1½
Dunlop Rubber	3?/9	32/7½
Imp. Chem. Industries	30/10½	30/9
United Steel	22/9	22/9
Woolworths	48/10½	48/4½
MINES		
Chinese Eng. & Min.	11/-	11/-
Chosen Corp.	4/-	4/-
Marsman Investments	6/3	6/3
Pekin-Syndicate	1/-	1/-
Sub-Nigel	142/6	143/9
Western Holdings	11/3	11/-
MISCELLANEOUS		
Great Western Rly.	33¾	33¾
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	15/-	15/-
London, Midland & Scot.	12½	12⅜
S'hai Elec. Construction	16/-	16/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15	15
Shell Transport & Trad.	40/7½	40/7½

U.S. Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotation

New York, May 23.

Barely steady conditions prevailed at the opening of the cotton market today, with quotations ruling from 7 to 12 points down. The market early ruled erratic and after declining on commission house liquidation, induced by fears that President Roosevelt might veto farm legislation, rallied sharply on trade and Wall Street buying and covering after the disclosure by Congressional farm bloc leaders that the President would approve the parity loans. The upturn, however, attracted some active spot house selling as well as profit taking. Worth Street reports a revival of demand at firming prices. Finally, the market touched new highs on general buying, a scarcity of contracts and the withdrawal of offerings by spot houses, and closed very steady, with quotations ranging from 12 to 21 points up.

Prices in the rubber market today ruled active and firm on trade and factory buying, shorts covering, the clearing-up of Washington uncertainties and in response to encouraging Singapore cables. At the last call over, gains of 35 to 48 points were recorded.

Wheat futures in Chicago today closed lower on hedging operations against enlarging pre-harvest marketings from the South-Western districts which erased early gains after the report that President Roosevelt would sign the higher crop loan bill. The disposition of flour buyers to hold-off on fears of widespread price control was a discouraging factor. At the final bell, quotations ranged from unchanged to ¼ cent down.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
July	13.18-20	+19	July	23.03-12	+48
Oct.	13.34-35	+21	Sept.	22.63-69	+33
Dec.	13.38-39	+18	Dec.	22.20-20	+35
Jan.	13.33 N.	+18	Mar.	21.75 N.	+35
Mar	13.41-41	+14			
May	13.40 N.	+12			

N. Y. Sugar No. 3			N. Y. Sugar No. 4		
July	2.43-44 B/A	+2	July	0.83½-84 B/A	+2½
Sept.	2.46-47 B/A	+1	Sept.	0.89½-90 B/A	+2

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
July	97½-97⅜	—¼	July	73½-73⅝	+⅛
Sept.	98¾-98⅝	unc.	Sept.	74¾-74⅞	+⅜

New York Silk No. 1

July 2.86B-87A unc.

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotation

London, May 23.

Prices in the London tin market today ruled steady.

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, middle price £266⅛ —3/16; 3 mths. middle price £266⅜ —½.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 26's D.H. p.b.	Cash	$1,423
Tungchow cotton ..	per picul	232
Shanghai cotton	per picul	212 picul
Raw silk, Steamfil. 20/22 78%		$6,150
Flour, local .. per bag (49lb.)		$29.00
Flour, imported		29.50 Nom.

London Bullion

London, May 24.

London Gold: Bar Gold, Fine, per oz. 168/- unchanged.

London Silver: Market ruled quietly steady. After the official fixing, the market was idle but steady, with no business recorded.

Spot	23⅜d.	—1/16d.
Forward	23⅜d.	—1/16d.

—Reuter.

Car Loadings Soar

New York, May 23.

Car loadings last week totalled 861,277 cars, 24,128 cars more than the total for the corresponding week of 1940. The Association of American Railways announced today.—United Press.

Canada Keeps Prices In Line

Ottawa, Apr. 10.

BY starting early and holding a firm rein on the four-horse team of the manufacturer, the merchant, the worker and the public, the Canadian Government has from the outset of the war maintained prices at a level which has saved the consumer and the taxpayer an incalculable number of millions of dollars. Although the country has now been at war for eighteen months, the cost of living has risen only about 7.3 per cent and the prices of these essentials for war industry—steel, timber, oil, base metals and machine tools—have all been kept at such levels that the delicate balance of the national economy has been less disturbed than it used to be by relatively small booms or depressions, says Mr. P. J. Philip in the "New York Times."

Such a result has not, of course been obtained by any happy accident. Nor has it been obtained by any "strong-arm" measures on the part of the government. There have been no swinging of heavy clubs and no acute struggles. Both "capital" and labour have been kept in line by fair treatment more than by threats, and perhaps most of all by the realization that whichever of them first tried to break ranks would run into trouble with the government representing the community as a whole and that the community, being at war, would not tolerate the trouble-makers.

Hoarding Checked

The public itself and, of course, the intermediary merchant between the producer and the consumer have also had to be kept in line, but that too has been done without at any time more than a slight pressure on the reins and the merest suggestion of a crack of the whip. What attempts there were by the public at the outbreak to bolt and upset the economic balance by hoarding were outmanœuvred and checked, and whenever the merchant thinks the time has come for a rise in profits he finds himself being held in line almost instantaneously by the public acting through the men in the driving seat.

Flexibility of Plan Stressed

All this has not, of course, been done without careful planning and, what was perhaps even more important, almost immediate application of the plan. It has also not been done without carefully studied variations in the plan, for each of the four members of the team must be managed differently and each of them has different moods and momentary needs.

The mechanism by which both the system of price structure and price level has been so carefully maintained was by the immediate setting up on the outbreak of war of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, which deals with all necessities, and the institution shortly afterward by the Miniter of Munitions of a number of special controllers. The latters' broad powers included that of fixing prices, if that should be necessary, but their real strength lay in their knowledge of business and labour conditions and the respect in which they were held personally by the corporations and men with whom they had to deal.

Persuasion and explanation have in most cases proved very much more effective than any rule of thumb orders, but behind that persuasion and explanation there always lay appreciation by manufacturers, workers, merchants and consumers alike of the fact that it would be wisest for every one to avoid getting into the vicious circle of rising prices, rising wages and rising taxation.

That the system has run so smoothly and successfully for eighteen months is in this way a remarkable tribute not only to the men who have been running it but to the Canadian people to whatever category they may belong. For even in peacetime a balanced price structure is never easy to maintain and in wartime the temptation to profit is usually seized on at once by both capital and labour without regard for consequences.

Public Was First Offender

The public was actually the first offender in Canada. Within a few days after the outbreak of war 40,000,000 pounds of sugar over and above the normal consumption at that time of year had disappeared into private pantry shelves. It was evident that the next move which would inevitably follow this dislocation of the price structure would be a "protective" rise in price. But the prices board moved quickly. It did not attempt to control purchase. It saw to it that the supply was sufficient to prove to the hoarding public that there was no necessity for panic. In order to do so it asked some of the largest sugar users to turn back 10,000,000 tons out of their stocks. This was done and immediately the panic and the prospect of a rise in price were ended.

Composition of Board

In composition, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board is a judicious mixture of civil servants, economic experts and men with business experience. It is headed by Hector B. McKinnon, chairman of the Tariff Board, and the secretary is K. W. Taylor, a well-known economist. What has been most remarkable in its work is the suppleness and adaptability to special circumstances which it has shown without ever losing authority and control.

Wool Situation

The wool situation may be taken as a typical example of how it works. The outbreak of war found both Canada and the United States short of wool. Prices rose very rapidly. In the United States they almost doubled, and stocks in Canada began to move to the bigger market across the border. To conserve supplies, prompt action was necessary, and an order was issued prohibiting the export of wool without special permit. On September 18, 1939, the board appointed a wool administrator with power to organize the supply and allocation of wool in Canada for both military and civilian purposes. His task was a threefold one: To conserve and allocate supplies with a view to expediting the fulfillment of army contracts, to negotiate with the United Kingdom Wool Control for immediate additional supplies, and to arrive at an equitable price to dealers and to the wool growers who had stocks on hand.

Tasks Accomplished Quickly

All these tasks were quickly and successfully accomplished. Wool supplies in Canada were mobilized, additional supplies from England were arranged and not a single military order was delayed for lack of wool.

The price problem was chiefly concerned with cross-bred wool which is essential for army cloth. Taking the probable landed price of new clip New Zealand wool as a basis, a price was fixed which was 45 per cent above the immediate pre-war price but considerably below the then prevailing prcies in the United States. Canadian growers were given the paid down price of New Zealand wool and the use of Canadian wools was so encouraged.

Cod Liver Oil

Cod liver oil provides another excellent example of how the board has worked. The normal peacetime consumption was about 300,000 gallons annually, half of which went for human consumption and half for poultry and other livestock. Before the war, three-quarters of this amount was imported, but the switch of the British fishing fleets to war purposes brought an immediate reduction in the imports and notice that no shipments could be guaranteed beyond the Spring of 1940. When Norway was invaded all supplies from that source ended.

The first action of the board was to prevent export of the oil except under licence. It then set about trying to increase production, leaving prices free so as to reduce consumption and to encourage the individual fisherman to save fish livers, handle them carefully and deliver them to the extracting plants in good condition. Although Canada was short of refining equipment, good progress has been made in producing medicinal oil, and the output of good grade crude oils has been nearly tripled. At the same time the price of medicinal oil has been increased to only a trifling extent. This case of control is cited as an example of how and when "no control" is the better policy if the aim is to increase supplies.

In cases such as cross-bred wool, wheat flour and bread where maximum prices have been fixed, careful examination of stocks and of books was carried out before the action was taken.

House Rentals

A third instance of maximum price-fixing has been on rentals, especially in areas where an influx of population has resulted in housing congestion. Provision has been made for the appointment in each area of local committees to hear appeals in individual cases where "special circumstances" render the January, 1940, rent unfair.

With the cost of living and rents controlled, wages have kept their purchasing power almost unaltered and given security to the worker. Strikes in war industry have been declared illegal, and in practically the only case in which a strike did occur the workers returned to work when this was explained to them.

Controller's Standing Important

In most cases prices in such essentials as steel, timber, oil and base metals have been frozen at different times by a series of quickly reached agreements between the Ministry of Munitions controllers and the producers, in which the personal authority of the controller has often counted for a great deal. When, for instance, the demand for timber for military purposes was high, the then controller, H. R. MacMillan, by telephone to British Columbia fixed the price in a manner which safeguarded the public interests and yet admitted of no argument on the part of the producers.

Steel Prices

In the same way, H. D. Scully, steel controller and chairman of the Wartime Industries Board, quickly obtained an agreement with the steel producers that there would be no increase in prices without discussion and decision by the controller, and that there would be no competition for raw materials. The result of this policy has been that No. 1 scrap has been mainatined at $18 (Canadian), as against $20 (United States) at Pittsburgh and $19.25 at Buffalo.

Excess Profit Tax

Small adjustments in prices have had to be made at different times but there has been no "profiteering" in war industry or in ordinary commodities as the result of war conditions. As a final weapon the government holds the excess profits tax in reserve and perhaps it is there that is to be found the secret of the admirable discipline that has been observed, big fortunes are going to be made out of this war in Canada and there is going to be no repetition of what happened between 1914 and 1921. So far it is conceded this system has worked satisfactorily in so far as it has satisfied the public and saved money.

On the other hand, there are some who point out that it may have been just the fact that there was so much less control during the last war that encouraged war consciousness among the public and helped to the winning of that war. For it would seem that the price which is being paid for the smooth, well-organized, almost normal way in which life is proceeding is something that often looks like lack of interest in the war. That at least is the general complaint ever among those who directly benefit in their normal lives by the work of these control boards.

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She does not request any other assistance than the increasing stream of war supplies from America of which she can be safely ensured.

England does not ask for anymore. Yet she should be given something else by her friends, her Allies and all freedom-loving men and women whose future and happiness depend solely on Britain's victory. She should receive an abundance of unrestricted confidence, and spiritual support in her arduous task. She should get the full-hearted co-operation of the free world's intelligentsia in the common fight against every form of compromise, neutrality and defeatism.

Furthermore, England is entitled to another sort of contribution from her friends and allies. While she carries the brunt of the fight, they must make a creative effort to visualize and formulate the new democratic order which will be needed, after the tyrant has been conquered, to save the world from future tyranny.

We all know that our present plight, that the outburst of totalitarian nationalism itself, have resulted from our failure to organize our world in time on a larger pattern corresponding to the abolition of distance and the technical developments of our age. We need a new construction of the world and we can only obtain it by ruthlessly exposing our past mistakes and by courageously exploring, all of us, in a free debate, the methods of conceiving and realizing our new order.

This, in short, is the programme of a group of free men and women of Allied and friendly nationalities which the "North-China Daily News" has undertaken to sponsor by giving them a tribune for publishing their articles and unfolding their debate.

EXPOSITION OF NEUTRALITY

By W. J. R. Thorbecke

A foremost question of today is whether America is still to be considered a neutral or whether in reality she is already participating in the war. In fact, does neutrality still exist and, furthermore, what is neutrality?

Historically neutrality may be considered a thing of the past, now that there are hardly any neutral countries left in this titanic struggle of our days where might is pitched against right, freedom and religion against tyranny and race-deification, where our very civilization is at stake and where neutrality of opinion consequently is an impossibility.

It might therefore seem superfluous to discuss neutrality were it not for the fact that this political notion exercised during the 400 years of its existence—for in ancient history and in the Middle Age neutrality was unknown—a strong influence on the psychology of several countries, which still at present is of far reaching importance.

Free and Independent Option

In political science neutrality is defined as the right of free and independent option for each state to participate in or to keep aloof from a war between other states. It is a natural attribute of the sovereign right of each state that, according to unanimous expert opinion, presupposes an equilibrium of power preventing the strong from imposing on the weak. Its origin is generally ascribed to the jealousy of belligerents wanting to prevent a third state from becoming an ally of their enemies and to the interest and desire of such a third state to continue its peaceful trade with both parties.

Until the beginning of the 19th century political motives played an important part in the development of neutrality as was exemplified by the "league of armed neutrality" of 1780 and 1800. It needed the rulings of the American courts formulating the conduct of American neutrals during the Napoleonic wars to establish the legal principles of neutrality.

But also during the 19th century renewed attempts were made for a political approach to neutrality when for instance the German Ambassador Count Bernstoff proposed in 1870 to Lord Granville a "benevolent neutrality" as regards trade in arms and munitions. Gradually, however, neutrality became a generally adopted notion of international law with rigid rules which in time became duly codified. From then on neutrality was no longer a matter of policy or conviction but became a fixed institution. In practice the question no longer arose whether a country wanted to be neutral but how the countries not directly involved in a war were to exercise their rights and discharge their duties of neutrality.

Logical Development

This was a logical development. Nothing could be more understandable than the wish to remain neutral in times when wars were the result of feuds between sovereigns or later, when they became the means of solving conflicts of special interests between two countries.

As long as wars remained localized neutrality was in the natural order of things. But when the war became general, as was the case in the last world war, neutrality lost its natural quality and became a juridical construction. The rigid dogma of neutrality stifled the impulse of many nations and neutrality, as an attribute of sovereign independence, barred the road to international interdependence and co-operation. During World War No. 1 neutrals were considered in the popular estimation of the belligerents with mixed feelings, and neutrality signified for many either a lack of conviction or a means of profiteering.

Yet on the other side neutrality could be defended on reasonable grounds. The essential prerequisite for neutrality, viz. an equilibrium of power preventing one of the belligerents from coercing weaker countries by sheer force, did then exist. In several cases there was furthermore a strong practical argument in favour of neutrality inasmuch as both belligerents had a more or less equal interest in some countries, as for instance the Netherlands, staying out of the war. Here also existed a state of de facto equilibrium between belligerent interests.

Ample Justification

This being the case, the governments of various small states could find in such a situation ample justification for keeping their countries out of the perils and destruction of war. In those countries themselves, however, far-seeing persons began to watch this state of things, with anxiety, realizing that from a psychological point of view neutrality was apt to weaken the moral strength and virility of the nation and their ability to face the social and political upheavals that were bound to follow some time after the restoration of peace, which, they rightly thought, could only temporarily put an end to conflicts of which the former world war was the first explosion.

These grave forebodings proved only too true. Many of the former neutrals exhibited the effects of their prolonged neutrality in a tendency to approach the looming political and economic problems in a formalistic and purely legal way. Or, to express it differently, neutrality as a system formed an obstacle to facing the real issue at stake in any other than an abstract legal way. Convictions, enthusiasms, historical and national aspirations receded into the background and only a rigid, preconceived set of rules which sometimes proved a welcome screen to conceal lack of political vision and courage, became very often the guiding principle of neutral statesmanship.

Neutrals in State of Torpor

When the test came, this was proved beyond any doubt. The German rearmament and subsequent aggressive policy found many neutrals in a state of torpor. Not even the rape of Austria and Czechoslovakia could awaken them. And after Munich several of the former neutrals were genuinely convinced that a new era of peace had begun. Astonishing as this fact may seem to those who look back, it becomes understandable when one realizes that it was probably not so much a lack of political vision as an unconscious shrinking from looking realities in the face, born from the limitations of a self-imposed traditional neutrality.

Several neutral statesmen were sincerely convinced that world problems lay beyond the admitted scope of their activities. Their duty was to guard the neutrality of their countries and to prevent any action, and possibly any public manifestation which might give offence to the Great Powers and so compromise their status of neutrality even in times of peace.

Legal Aspect of Policy

Theirs was the correct attitude of good patriots and of scrupulous experts in international law. But apparently so engrossed were they in the legal aspect of their policy, that they omitted to realize that the very foundation of neutrality, the condition *sine qua non* of its existence had disappeared.

We mentioned before that the prerequisite of neutrality is an equilibrium of power. This no longer existed. Germany's armaments had become so overwhelming in comparison with those of other powers, that even the breathing space accorded by Munich could by no means suffice to re-establish even a semblance of equality if war were to break out within a year or two after September, 1938.

Consequently the former neutrals could no longer rely on an equilibrium of power. They were at the mercy of the German aggressor. And now arose the tragic situation that the very policy which formed the cornerstone of honest and decent neutrality became its greatest danger. Dictators only understand one language and that is brute force and therefore any attempt to spare the feelings of a man like Hitler was bound to have the opposite effect and to convince him that he could with impunity dispose of all neutrals, one after the other, in his own time, in a series of consecutive rapes.

Self-Delusion of Escape

There were warning voices in the countries which had inscribed neutrality on their banners, but the majority stood behind the traditional policy. Their excuse was that neutrality in itself tends to magnify the self-delusion of escape and that a system which excludes the co-ordination of weak individual national forces into a larger alliance with more powerful countries, is not conducive to awakening the will to take sides before it is too late and the invader has arrived.

That it was the system that was at fault and not the peoples was proved in every case. Most invaded peoples defended themselves like heroes, all were vanquished because their policy of neutrality had precluded them from arranging for sufficient outside help in time.

The awakening was rude. Yet the sufferings will not have been in vain if all countries who are prepared to die for their liberty now stand united together, if all countries which the tyranny of aggression has forced into an alliance will, now and in future, of their own free will, co-operate in their common defence, if neutrality allows itself to be swept away by an irresistible impulse to unite all efforts to safeguard the common destinies of all freedom-loving nations.

A Matter of Course

For this to happen an undaunted and resolute spirit must prevail, and no half-heartedness, nor mere hope, but absolute devotion and deep conviction. For the governments and nationals of the invaded countries who managed to safeguard their personal liberty this should be a matter of course. Every honest man and woman must exert all their available energy to do the utmost in order to assist and further the fight against the common enemy.

They should and they will do that if only for the purpose of giving a shining example and spiritual support to their unfortunate compatriots who are living under the heel of the Nazi oppressor, and of keeping alive their hope and confidence and of kindling the smouldering fires of revolt until the day arrives for these to break out into leaping flames.

The habit of neutrality, however, is not so easily shaken off. The "free" governments may be tempted, in unfortunate moments, to fall back on their old "neutral" attitude for fear of giving offence to the oppressor and exposing their countrymen to reprisals. This is a mistaken policy. For the dangers arising from the old system of neutrality are still rampant, most of all in the occupied territories and any show of weakness by their free Governments will only aggravate them.

Deadly Monotony of Oppression

These dangers are caused by the deadly monotony of oppression, by the daily anxiety for bare survival, by the hammer-strokes of enemy propaganda, by the continuous false information which engenders doubt as to ultimate victory, and fear for the future of the individual and of the nation. All this may in the end give the downtrodden nations a feeling that they are "violated neutrals" rather than oppressed fighters.

Outside the occupid countries these dangers also exist wherever former neutrals who are at present free, do not resolutely discard all reserve and fears of a personal character and whole-heartedly embrace the common cause. Every action, every thought which is not based on the will to conquer is a help to the enemy.

The spirit of neutrality must die, for it is one of the real dangers which beset the war of Britain. The achievement of this aim ranks in importance with the supply of aeroplanes and ships and every other form of resistance, aimed at the restoration of freedom and common prosperity.

Bombed Scots Pray As Guns Boom

Special to the "N.C.D.N."

Men and women of blitzed Clydeside were on their way to church yesterday the "Greenock Telegraph" of March 24—to answer the King's call to prayer and to remember at a special service those of their friends and neighbours who had died by Nazi bombs—when the boom of guns once more echoed through the tragic streets.

In the high distance they saw the white puffs of bursting shells. A moment or two the churchgoers waited but no other sound or sign came. They went inside to sit in their pews. Little more than a dozen people had assembled in the church when the guns spoke. They waited there quietly. Many others, preparing to go to the service, had stopped at home.

Half a dozen ministers had joined the tiny congregation, Church of Scotland, Baptist, Congregation; all came to take part in this church union of prayer. One of them carried his air-raid warden's steel helmet over his arm as he walked up the aisle. Another wore a civil defence worker's armlet. They were still on double duty.

Service Begins with Psalm

For a short time after the arranged hour of the service the ministers and the dozen worshippers waited. Then, as no more sounds came from the sky, they began their service. As the opening psalm, a prayer, and a hymn echoed through the church, others who had been held up slipped in quietly to the pews. In the gallery, looking down on the little congregation, sat magistrates of the district in which the town is situated. With them in the tribute to their people was one of the Clydeside M.P.'s.

They worshipped still amid the signs of the blitz that had brought them there. As they came to the church door, broken glass from the leaded windows tinkled among the gravel beneath their feet.

As the organ pealed, the half-dozen ministers filed in wearing their overcoats in place of robes, against the breeze that blew through the gaping windows. Yet the service went on in the simple, accustomtd way of worship in Scotland. The minister who conducted it began as on countless Sundays, "Let us worship God."

This was the way of tribte to those who had as quietly and as bravely endured. The organ led the congregation into the 23rd. Psalm—"The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want . . ." In the church, as in Clydeside after the blitz, there were no tears.

Another minister prayed thus: "We have lost many things, but we have not lost this most precious thing of all, faith in Thee." In his brief address the minister said: "Time would fail me to tell the heroism of the shelters."

Three Days After Intensive Raid

The service held in the Mid Parish Church, Greenock, was just three days after the first intensive raid on Clydeside which took place on March 20 and caused considerable loss of life in the town. The church stands in the very centre of Greenock, just opposite the Municipal Buildings and only about 300 yd. from the river front. About half-a-mile away is Scott's Shipbuilding & Engineering Works, one of the largest and most important of the many shipbuilding concerns in the Clyde area. It specializes in naval construction, but also turns out a very large amount of merchant shipping as well.

All religious services of an "official" nature are held in the Mid Parish Church, attended by the Provost and Magistrates of Greenock and the adjacent towns of Port-Glasgow and Gourock.

Germans Cannot Get Tobacco Today

British authorities have refused to grant navicerts for French purchases of American tobacco, states the Washington correspondent of the "Evening Standard."

There is known to be a great shortage of tobacco in Germany, where the civilian population are now almost entirely deprived of it, so that the small amounts available can be reserved for the forces, and the authorities are refusing to take the chance that any supplies allowed to pass through the blockade might ultimately find their way to the enemy.

Inquiries were made on behalf of the French tobacco monopoly in southern Maryland, with a view to purchases from the May crop. Growers declined, however, to enter into any commitments without the prior assurance that the British would let the consignments through.

For some years France has purchased extensively on the Maryland loose leaf market, and Paris maintained a representative in the Maryland tobacco country until the outbreak of the war. Today exports of Maryland tobacco have almost ceased, but the growers are taking the British decision philosophically.

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Variable and sandy weather with strong north-westerly to north-easterly winds around Shantung. Overcast to cloudy and hot with thundery showers and variable fresh winds in our regions. Cloudy with fog and easterly winds along the coast to the south of the Saddles.

	At Cathedral		At Siccawei	
Temperature yesterday	min. 71.0	max. 93.0	min. 68.9	max. 95.4
" same date last year	min. 68.0	max. 81.0	min. 66.7	max. 84.7

Rainfall: .15

NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS

SHANGHAI, SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1941 (30th day of 4th moon)

AIR AND OCEAN MAILS

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on May 30, 8.15 a.m. registered and 9 a.m ordinary due San Francisco on June 10. Air mails for Europe may be sent by this service to U.S.A. for connection with the P.A.A. Trans-Atlantic Air Service.
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Shanghai-Japan Air Mail close daily at 8 p.m. (Mails for America may be sent on May 25, by air mail to Japan for connection with ss. Pres. Taft leaving Yokohama on May 27.)
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BIRTHS

WHATLEY.—On May 23, 1941, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER WHATLEY, a daughter. -7544

SYMONS.—On May 24, 1941, at the Ste. Marie Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. SYMONS, a son. -7611

CARDS OF THANKS

Mrs. ELSIE DOS REMEDIOS wishes to thank her friends for the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and donations to charity sent during her recent sad bereavement. 12866

The family of the late Mr. OSCAR MARTINS OLIVEIRA wish to thank their friends for the kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and donations to charity sent during their recent sad bereavement. 12864

Mrs. CLARITA DOS REMEDIOS and FAMILY wish to thank their friends for the messages of sympathy, flowers and donations to charity sent during their recent sad bereavement. 12868

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

MAY

25 'Who Killed Cock Robin?' Bateman-King, Lyceum, 2.15
25 Ann. Flower Show, S'hai. Race Ch.
25 Christian Science B'cast, XMHA, 6.30
25 *Sino-Japanese agreement signed (1915)*

COMING EVENTS

MAY

27 Bill Hegamin at the Piano over XMHC at 8.30
27 Piano Recital by Mme Marine Mee XCDN, 8.30
28 'The Trumpeter' XMHD, 8.30
29 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg S.I.B.C. 3
29 Royal Asiatic Society-Lecture on 'Chinese History'
29 Cathedral Boys' School Entertainment for War Funds, 5.30
29 X.M.H.C. Robert Stuart, songs by Gilbert and Sullivan, 9
30 American Memorial Service at Bubbling Well Cemetery. All Americans and friends are invited 8.30 to 9 a.m.
30 Opening of Swimming Bath Club 6 a.m.
30 Piano Recital Marina B. Mee Lyc. 9.15
30 Cathedral Boys' School Entertainment for War Funds, 5.30
31 Ministering Children's League Annual Fete, Race Club Saturday 2.30
31 'Night on Parnasse' Lyceum, 8.45

JUNE

1 Rowing Regatta
4 'Iolanthe'-Cathedral Girls' School, 5.30 For War Funds
5 'Iolanthe'-Cathedral Girls' School, 5.30 For War Funds
6 'Iolanthe'-Cathedral Girls' School, 5.30 For War Funds
8 10th Ann. Halutsim Ball, Arcadia, 10
10 B.W.A. Jumble Sale, 9. a.m.
14 P.S.G. Former Pupils 'At Home' Yu Yuen Road School, 4
18 Market Garden Fair, 769 Yu Yuen Road, British War Funds, 3
19 Jumble Sale Limbless Fund 9.30

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Barometer (inches)	29.62	29.69	29.67	29.70
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.10	—0.08	—0.08	—0.07
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.13	—0.08	+0.05	+0.01
Wind (direction)	SSE	SE	ESE	S
" (miles per hour)	14.9	12.4	8.1	3.7
Temperature (Fahr.)	89.6°	76.3°	71.6°	82.0°
Humidity (per cent)	55	87	92	71
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	4	10	6	9
Rainfall (inches)		—	0.02	—

Siccawei Abridged Report May 24	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.71	—0.01	19.83
Temperature: min. 67.1° max. 92.8°	80.0°	+3.5°	67.9°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	17.53	0.02	14.02

Time and Tide	25/5	26/5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5
Sun rises at Shanghai	4.53	4.53	4.53	4.52	4.52	4.51	4.51
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.49	18.49	18.50	18.50	18.51	18.52	18.52
Moon rises at Shanghai	4.19	5.00	5.43	6.29	7.18	8.11	9.06
Moon sets at Shanghai	17.55	18.47	19.38	20.29	21.15	22.01	22.15
Flood makes Shai. (day)	10.08	10.35	11.00	11.28	11.51	12.07	12.55
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	14.55	15.20	15.45	16.13	16.45	17.30	5.59
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	11.48	12.15	12.40	13.15	13.38	14.26	15.15
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	—	10.49	10.50	10.65	10.65	10.05	9.69

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 23rd:—Low and unsteady pressure over China: normal and rather steady over Japan. South-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy, hot and thundery weather in China.

State on the morning of the 24th:—Cloudy and hot weather. South-easterly breezes. Low and unsteady pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

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SUNDAY, May 25.	Reg.	Ord.
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Hongkong and Canton	10.00	10.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
MONDAY, May 26.		
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	*19.00	7.15
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China and and Manila	16.00	17.00
Hongkong and Canton	16.30	17.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00
Manila	19.30	20.00
TUESDAY, May 27.		
Weihaiwei Chefoo and Tientsin	10.00	10.30
Hongkong and Canton	12.30	13.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Nantung	18.30	19.00

*The night before.
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